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By Patricia Watson Dyson
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Martha Duguid

GARRETT — Martha J. Duguid, 81, of Garrett died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at 11:07 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Duguid worked as a secretary for Insurance Trustees in Garrett, retiring in 1984. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and had lived in Garrett for 57 years.

She was born Oct. 27, 1923, in Sturgis, Mich., to Victor and Louise (Wakeman) Hill.

She married Robert J. Duguid in Garrett in November 1947. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve R. Duguid of Garrett, and Jim P. and Pat Duguid of Huntington; one granddaughter, Jenny Duguid of Indianapolis; one grandson, Matt Duguid of Huntington; a great-granddaughter, Colleen Duguid of Huntington; and one sister.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, a brother and four sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Zana Goodhew, foreground, prepares for a limousine ride on her 95th birthday.

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Zana Goodhew, 96, lived life to the fullest

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ANGOLA — Zana Goodhew lived for nine-and-a-half decades, and it was her goal to reach 100.

"I've made it to 95," she chuckled weeks after her 95th birthday on May 27, 2003. "Now I'm gonna push for 100. What I'm gonna do is stick around to irritate the hell outta everyone."

Unfortunately, Zana didn't quite make it. On Christmas Eve, Zana, 96, died at Northern Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola, where she had lived for just over two years.

Zana's life began with a bang — literally. She was born in 1908 at her home in Fremont in the middle of a thunderstorm, and was named by a band of traveling gypsies who got out of the rain on her family's porch during that storm.

Zana was fiercely independent, living in her own home until November, 2002. She was injured when her television set fell over on her, and after that happened, she and her family decided she needed to move to a place where she could be taken care of.

The name Zana is of Hebrew origin, and means, "graceful lily." And that was sort of what she was — a proper lady who dressed neatly in slacks and pearls each day even if she wasn't going out or doing much.

She had bright blue eyes, neatly coifed white hair, an infectious smile and a habit of calling everyone she met — even total strangers — "sweetie."

Zana's last big outing happened in the spring of 2003. At her request, she was treated to a limousine ride around Clear Lake and Lake James, courtesy of the Steuben County chapter of Second Wind Dreams. Zana's tour took place on her 95th birthday, and she took seven of her family members with her.

Days before the limo ride, Zana was animatedly talking about her coming day out. She wondered what color the limo would be, and was thrilled to learn it might be red — because then she reasoned, people would call her "the red streak."

Zana's daughter Marcella Mansfield said her mother was never one to shy away from a spotlight.

"She'll do anything for attention," Marcella said with a laugh.

Zana married Charles Goodhew when she was just a teenager. The couple had seven children, and lived all their lives in Angola. Charles died in 1961.

Fern Carr

AUBURN — Fern Mavis (Bailey) Carr, 89, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Carr was born Feb. 9, 1915. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, school bus driver, school cook, factory worker, seamstress and good friend.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and WELCA, and a member emeritus of the Ladies Literary Guild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey A. Carr; her parents, Robert and Odessa Bailey; a brother, Russell; and a sister, Katherine.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Darlene Carr of St. Joe; three daughters and two sons-in-law, R. Andrea (Carr) and Larry Barber of Bloomington, Melanie (Carr) Gafken of Hamilton and F. Renee (Carr) and Larry Collins of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren and their spouses, Shannon (Barber) and James Dion of Portage, Mich., Erin (Barber) and Frank Flesser III of Bloomington, Christopher Barber of Bloomington, K. Michael and Jackie Barber of Bloomington, Paul and Jody Carr of Butler, Kyle and Cindy Carr of Fort Wayne, Elizabeth Gafken of Bayonne, N.J., Rebecca Gafken of Hamilton, Victoria Gafken of Hamilton, Kevan Collins of Angola and Benjamin Collins of Waterloo; and 10 great-grandchildren, William, Joseph, Ian, Emma, Jillina, Isaiah, Allison, Kaila, Alexander and Lillian.

Private viewing will be at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with corrected information about surviving relatives.*

Clifford Dennison Jr.

NEWVILLE — Clifford E. Dennison Jr., 42, of Newville died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at his home.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1980 and was a laborer at a workshop in Angola for five years.

He was born Sept. 3, 1962, in Auburn to Clifford E. Dennison Sr. and Helen K. Dennison. His parents survive in Newville.

Also surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Scott and Rita Dennison of Mulberry, Fla., Tim and Diana Dennison of Auburn and Michael and Bethann Dennison of Newville; seven nephews; and one niece.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert A. Williford, and his grandparents, Wesley and Lida Dennison and Verl and Vernice Watson.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Darrin Langford of the Newville Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RISE Inc., 1600 Wohlert St., Angola IN 46703.

Dorothea Teegardin

HAMILTON — Dorothea E. Teegardin, 87, of Hamilton died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Teegardin ran a beauty shop and was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

A member of the American Bell Association, she collected more than 2,600 bells.

She was born April 20, 1917, in Metz to Ray and Eva Kogin.

On Dec. 24, 1936, she married Orville D. Teegardin.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Peg Teegardin of Hamilton and Norm and Margo Teegardin of Bonita Springs, Fla.; one daughter, Annetta Teegardin of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a daughter, Nancy Irene Teegardin.

Services will be Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church, 7780 S. Wayne St., Hamilton with Pastor Norm Fuller and the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Teegardin Cemetery near Hamilton.

Calling will be today from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton.

Memorials are to Hamilton United Methodist Church or Youth For Christ.

Homer Snyder

AUBURN — Homer Snyder, 79, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Northern Indiana Health Care Systems, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Snyder was born Nov. 18, 1925, in Stroh, to Homer and Henrietta (Christlieb) Snyder. He was a World War II veteran, and was retired from Bohn Aluminum Co. in Butler.

He married Rhea Dangler on Aug. 20, 1948. She preceded him in death on Nov. 1, 1988.

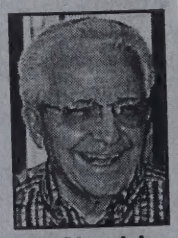
Surviving are two daughters, Beverly Parsons of Auburn and Cindy Snyder of Hudson; two sons, Larry Snyder of Hudson and Bill Snyder of Garrett; two sisters, Ellen Rowe of Auburn and Luella Boyle of Albion; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hamilton Cemetery, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating. There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Franklin Gingrich

AUBURN — A public memorial service for Franklin D. Gingrich will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn Alliance Church.



Mr. Gingrich

Mr. Gingrich, 85, of Auburn, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at his home.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Auburn Alliance Church and Child Evangelism Fellowship, Box 365, Auburn.

Gerald Cope

ANGOLA — Lifetime Angola resident Gerald Cope, 57, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at home.

Mr. Cope was born Oct. 29, 1947, in Garrett, to Delbert and Betty (Vaughn) Cope. He was a U.S. Army veteran, and served in the Vietnam War. He worked at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola.

He attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, and was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31, George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205 in Angola and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Surviving are his mother, Betty Cope of Angola; a son, Shawn Cope of Fremont; a sister, Cynthia "Sam" Junot of Angola; and a granddaughter, Amanda Cope.

He was preceded in death by his father in 2004 and a sister, Lynda Brandanger, in 2004.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County, with military graveside services performed by members of VFW Post No. 7205.

Memorials are to the Amanda Cope Education Fund, care of Shawn Cope.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Janet McNaughton

MIROMAR LAKES, Fla. — Janet Y. McNaughton, 70, of Miromar Lakes died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004. She had been battling cancer.

Mrs. McNaughton was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Auburn to Glen and Jane Yoquelet.

She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. She had lived the past 18 years in southwestern Florida and enjoyed spending time with her family, playing bridge and taking cruises. She was an award-winning artist known for her sculptures and "Sailor's Valentines."

Surviving are her husband, W. Bruce McNaughton; a daughter, Lisa; three sons, Jeffrey, Douglas and William; and three grandchildren, Crystal, Arielle and Hunter.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gregg.

Private services will be held.

Memorials are to a local hospice or the American Diabetes Association.

Karen Zea

AUBURN — Karen D. Zea, 56, of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a laborer at RISE Inc. in Angola and a member of Hammond Baptist Church.

She was born Sept. 1, 1948, in Hammond to Lawrence and Clara (Nix) Zea. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Ernie Dillon of Hammond, Dorothy and Lee Reeves of Texas and Sheila and Mike Narin of Hammond; and three brothers, Larry Zea of Warsaw and George Zea and Jerry Zea, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Thursday at noon in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St. Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the MS Association.

Patricia Freers

ELKHART — Patricia J. Freers, 79, of Elkhart died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at her home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Freers

Mrs. Freers was a 1943 graduate of Auburn High School where she was a cheerleader and active in athletics. She also played women's semi-professional softball.

She joined the Women's Army Air Corps (WAC) in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Mrs. Freers retired as vice president of Freers Ice Cream Co. Inc. in Elkhart. She formerly worked for the Elkhart County Treasurer's Office and G.L. Perry Variety Store.

She was an avid sports enthusiast and an active area golfer. She was an avid Indiana University sports fan during the Bob Knight era. She was a former member of Maplecrest Country Club in Goshen and an active member of Bent Oaks Golf Club and the Bent Oaks Ladies Golf Association in Elkhart.

She was born March 25, 1925, in Auburn, to Clyde and Sophia (Picker) Phelps.

She married Don P. Freers on July 6, 1946, in Auburn, and he survives in Elkhart.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff L. and Janice Freers of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Pastor Jill A. and Bruce Wright of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Matt Freers of Elkhart, Molly Freers of State College, Pa., and Michael and Megan Wright of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews, including Joe Donaldson of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Jesse, John, Alfred and Jack Phelps, and three sisters, Gertrude Longbrake, Georgia Donaldson and Grace Boomer.

A cremation has taken place.

A celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the Elkhart General Community Hospice, the American Lung Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

The Billings Funeral Home, 812 Baldwin St., Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.billingsfuneralhome.com.

John Williams

AUBURN — John L. Williams, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at Wesley Health Care, Auburn.

Mr. Williams was a former Waterloo resident and owned and operated Owls Roost Antiques in Waterloo.

He was a 59-year member of American Legion Post 97, Auburn, and was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was born Dec. 19, 1912, in Mount Ayr, Iowa, to John Albert and Helen Josephine (Wood) Williams and they are deceased.

He married Jewell Darling on May 16, 1947, in Auburn, and she died April 8, 1984.

He is survived by a daughter, Julie K. Sproat of Waterloo; a grandson and his wife, Scott and Stacy Sproat of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren, Will, Ty and Reid Sproat.

He was preceded in death by six sisters and a brother.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Fr. Dave Carkenord officiating.

Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Blanche Baker

AUBURN — Blanche L. Baker, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Before her retirement, she worked at the Messenger Corp. for 35 years. After she retired in 1976, she became a volunteer worker at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Ladies of ACD and DeKalb Hospital Guild.

She was born Nov. 1, 1913, in Jackson Township to Robert D. and Estella (Herrick) Welch, and they are deceased.

On Dec. 24, 1946, she married Lowell Baker. He died on April 7, 1982.

Surviving are one stepson and his wife, L. Jack and Carol J. Baker of Lafayette; one brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Mary Welch of Auburn; three stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dale Williams officiating.

Burial will be in Sherwood Cemetery in Sherwood, Ohio.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Collins Redmond

FORT WAYNE — Collins J. Redmond, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Redmond was a supervisor of maintenance for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 37 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and a Knights of Columbus honorary life member of Council 1790, holding a third and fourth degree in Garrett. He was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

He was born July 16, 1924, in Garrett to Bernard and Margaret (Kricher) Redmond.

He married Mary Helen Miller on April 24, 1946, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan M. and Rod Dillon of Fort Wayne and Carol A. and Glenn Hartshorn of Center Pointe, Iowa; six grandchildren, Todd Dillon and his wife, Jennifer, Robbie Dillon, Greg Dillon, Emily Christlieb, Kati Christlieb and Jonathan Christlieb; and two great-grandchildren, Haley and Selene.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Redmond and Frank Redmond, and two sisters, Virginia Lumm and Kate Cole.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10700 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne, with Father Jim Shafer officiating.

Calling will be today from 3 to 8 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Michael Anderson

AUBURN — Michael Duane Anderson, 12 days, died Dec. 31, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 19, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

Surviving are his mother, Janet R. Anderson of Auburn; a brother, Landon Anderson of Auburn; grandparents Bart and Cindy Anderson of Auburn; an aunt, Tiffany Anderson of Auburn; and an uncle, Loyd Dye, and his wife, Kristie, of Auburn.

Services have taken place. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Betty Taylor

AUBURN — Betty L. Taylor, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker and a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born May 12, 1915, in Churubusco to William and Mary Margaret (Dominy) LaMarr.

On July 27, 1939, she married Ward Taylor. He died in 1990.

Surviving are two sisters, Emily Farmer and Naomi Rakestraw, both of Auburn, and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Janet Maier, Ruth LaMarr and Hilda Fankhauser.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ruth Terry** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles Duszynski, Darren Duszynski, Adam Tuttle, Steve Stoner, Ed Fisher and Randy Heltzel.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Rolland E. Hippenhammer** were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Earl Rose officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers were Richard Wilson, David Hippenhammer, Shannon Hippenhammer, Brian Coleman, Bruce Sizemore and Brad Sizemore. Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Harold G. "Jerry" Schuster** were held at 10 a.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Dan Lash officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bradon Bauermeister, Michael Schuster, Robert Schuster, Joe Leaman, Sam Sloan and Wayne Fleck. Russell Frehse was an honorary pallbearer.

Priest's mother took pride in her son

BY BILL GISEL
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GARRETT — When Dorothy Cambray married Italian immigrant Anthony Lombardi, "They made a handsome couple," according to their son, Father Thomas Lombardi.

"It was in the days before fertility clinics," he recalled of his parents' efforts to start a family. "Mom prayed to St. Frances Xavier Cambrini (patroness of immigrants) and not long after she became pregnant," giving birth to their only child. "She always credited St. Frances," he said.

In fact, she carried in her wallet for the rest of her life a small St. Frances medal. "Everywhere we went, she would say, 'That is my son, Father Tom the priest,'" he said.

In later years, Mrs. Lombardi would learn that she only had half of one functioning ovary.

Mrs. Lombardi, 91, died Dec. 27, 2004.

The Lombardis lived near Cedar Canyons, and had a "happy and good" home life, Lombardi said. When he started high school, his stay-at-home mother went to work at Bishop Dwenger High School as an assistant librarian.

"She was not trained as a librarian and had no degree," Lombardi said, but she learned from experience. She went on to work for the Fort Wayne Public Library and was a "traveling librarian," going to a different parochial school each day. Still later, she began the children's library story hour.

After her son's ordination, she went to work for the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese office of religious education media center and library.

When Lombardi became a pastor, his then-widowed mother moved in with him.

"She reveled in being a part of what I was involved with, and she was proud of being my housekeeper," he said. "She was proud to be able to do that, so that I could do the work that I was to be about."

In fact, she did her son's laundry up until she became ill in the weeks before Christmas. A kidney infection that "came on with a vengeance" made her gravely ill.

"When Mom went into the hospital, I decided that I was going to spend the entire time with her," Lombardi said. He recalled that on occasions that he had been hospitalized, "Every time I awoke, Mom was there, and I decided that I was going to do the same for her.

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Mrs. Lombardi helped her son, Father Thomas Lombardi, celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

"For all mothers, that is their vocation — to give themselves to their husbands and children," he explained. "The least we can do (for our parents) is to give back, to be there for them."

It was, he said, "The most precious gift I have ever been given."

He brought a small Christmas tree to her hospital room, and on Christmas Eve they sat together in the darkened room, looking at the tree.

"It was so peaceful," he recalled. His mother died in her sleep on the morning of the 27th.

Mrs. Lombardi's funeral was celebrated by Bishop John D'Arcy at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

"He said it would be an honor for him to do it," Lombardi said, and nearly a dozen other priests attended as well.

"It is said that the mother of one priest is the mother of all priests," Lombardi said.

Teegardin a woman of faith, compassion

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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HAMILTON — Dorothea Teegardin spent her life helping others and practicing her faith.

"Church was a very important part of her life," said Orpha Cary, who had been Mrs. Teegardin's friend for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Teegardin

Mrs. Teegardin died Jan. 2 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, after battling cancer and other illnesses for the past several years. She was 87.

The Teegardins and Carys — Dorothea and her husband Orville, who died in 1999, and Orpha and her husband Lyle — met shortly after the Carys were married on New Year's Eve in 1951.

"We became neighbors then, and very good friends," Orpha remembered with a smile in her voice. "On our last anniversary, my husband asked me what I wanted to do ... I told him I wanted to go see Dorothea. She was in the hospital and she wasn't doing very well, but I just wanted to see her."

Mrs. Teegardin owned Dorothea's Beauty and Gifts in Hamilton for many years. Orpha said her friend loved to travel, and loved to have visitors. She belonged to various church groups over the years, and was active with the Hamilton United Methodist Women until she died.

"In the last few years when she couldn't get out much, I'd take my knitting over to her house and just sit and visit with her," Orpha said. "I told my husband it was like someone had given her a gold medal whenever someone came to her house ... she was just so tickled to have visitors."

Those who knew Mrs. Teegardin well know she was an avid bell collector. She belonged to the American Bell Association for a number of years, and her extensive bell collection consisted of more than 2,600 pieces.

Before she became too ill to go out a lot, Orpha said Mrs. Teegardin was in constant motion.

"I said her middle name should have been spelled G-O, because she loved to go," she said with a chuckle. "She loved her euchre club, and she loved to play bridge. I think she was a part of two bridge clubs."

Orpha said Mrs. Teegardin loved animals, and that she always had a pet.

"She used to have a little poodle, and when she died, she had a cat she was very fond of," she said.

Mrs. Teegardin was an active member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church. That church's pastor, Eric Stoops, said he remembered Mrs. Teegardin as a compassionate nurturer.

"She was a sweet, sweet lady," he said. "I think one of the neat things about her was that when her husband was alive, the two of them acted as caregivers for some of their extended family. In fact, I remember her telling me that right when she and her husband got home from their honeymoon, his uncle was there and they took care of him."

Carol Fuller

BUTLER — Carol "Sally" A. Fuller, 67, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She owned the Butler Game Room for two years and the Broadway Cafe for nine years.

She was born May 24, 1937, in Bryan, Ohio, to Ross L. and Florence J. (Beard) Hollinger.

She is survived by three sons, J. Dean H. Fuller of Butler and William "Bill" Campbell and Allen W. Campbell, both of Farwell, Mich.; a daughter, Jeanette L. Brown of Butler; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Mark will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Wilbur Hancock

ANGOLA — Wilbur G. Hancock, 79, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Hancock

Mr. Hancock was born March 21, 1925, in Defiance, Ohio, to Guy Willis and Sylvia Ann (Ruder) Hancock. He was married to Ireta (Pierce) Diehl Hancock on June 28, 2002. She survives.

He was a World War II Army veteran, and worked as a supervisor at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 44 years. He was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, the Fremont American Legion and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Also surviving are two sons, Gary Hancock and Thomas Hancock, both of Angola; two stepsons, Gene Diehl of Fremont and John Diehl of Orland; a daughter, Carol Smith of Angola; two stepdaughters, Janice Strange of Belton, S.C., and Marcia Colbart of Angola; a sister, Erma Belman of Hillsdale, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; 18 stepgrandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 22 stepgreat-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Doris Hancock, on April 21, 2001; a daughter, Linda Crawford; and two brothers, Ervin and Ralph Hancock.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola. Calling will be Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

Memorials are to Pleasant View Church of Christ.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Former LaGrange Sheriff Howard Chrisman, 85, dies

LAGRANGE — Former LaGrange County Sheriff Howard T. Chrisman, 85, of LaGrange died at 10:10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mr. Chrisman was a retired Indiana State Police officer. He had also served as sexton at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

He had lived in LaGrange since moving there in 1956 from Logansport.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Chrisman was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F&AM, LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and LaGrange Moose Lodge No. 1351.

He was born June 22, 1919, in Noble County to Logan and Myrtle (Rink) Chrisman. On April 14, 1939, in New Paris, he married Cleota C. Hite. She died Feb. 26, 1996.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Caroline Chrisman of Shipshewana, Nolan and Butch Chrisman of Wolcottville and Phillip and Judy Chrisman of Nappanee; his companion, Mildred Housman of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Lois Johnston

HAMILTON — Lois Johnston, 86, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home at Butler.

Mrs. Johnston was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 9, 1918, in Metz to Carlton and Jennette (Parker) Aldrich.

She married Robert J. Johnston in Churubusco in 1938. He died March 29, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Louann J. and Gerry Weber of Edgerton, Ohio, and Christa and Kevin Bushman of Battle Creek, Mich.; three brothers, Wayne Aldrich of Angola and Bruce Aldrich and Lynn Aldrich, both of Hamilton; four grandchildren, Dean A. Weber, Mathew R. Weber, Michele R. Psurny and Erin E. Bushman; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and seven sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Carol Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Carol J. Carter, 54, of Kendallville died at 10:56 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, from injuries in a traffic accident at the intersection of S.R. 3 and C.R. 1000E near Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Carol Francen-Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Carol J. Francen-Carter, 55, of Kendallville died at 10:56 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, from injuries she sustained in a traffic accident at the intersection of C.R. 1000E and S.R. 3 north of Avilla.

Ms. Francen-Carter

She had been a longtime Noble County resident and had worked for Colwell General in Kendallville for several years.

She was a member of Kingdom Hall in Kendallville. She enjoyed reading, writing, crafts, ceramics and spending time with her grandchildren.

A native of Terre Haute, she was born Aug. 22, 1949, to Lee and Betty (Scott) Cox. They survive in Fort Wayne. Her former husband, Terrance "Terry" Francen, died Dec. 25, 1978, from injuries he sustained in a traffic accident.

Also surviving are a special friend, Gordon Carter of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy and Laura Francen of Columbia City and Todd Francen of Avilla; a daughter, Holly Carter of Olympia, Wash.; two brothers, Robert Cox and his companion, Jaime Martinez, of Chicago, Ill., and Steve Cox of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren, Jacob, Shawna, Cassandra, Matthew and Sebastion Francen.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion. Private family burial services will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the American Heart Association.

Jeff Lantz

VAN WERT, Ohio — Jeff S. Lantz, 41, of Van Wert, Ohio, died Thursday morning, Jan. 13, 2005, at his residence.

Mr. Lantz

Mr. Lantz worked as a special projects manager and computer specialist for Interstate Cold Storage in New Haven. He was an alumnus of Ball State University at Muncie.

He was born Dec. 26, 1963, in Syracuse, N.Y., to John and Jackie (Jessup) Lantz. They survive in Auburn.

He married Robin Grieshop on June 28, 2000, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nichole and Bill McCoy of Convoy, Ohio; a son, Nicholas Shaw of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Todd and Pam Lantz of Leo and Greg Lantz of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Allison and Avery McCoy.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Andrea Lantz, who died as an infant.

Services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, 722 S. Washington St., Van Wert, with the Rev. Timothy Burden officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery of Van Wert.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Van Wert Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice Program.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about surviving relatives.*

Emerson Imus

AUBURN — Emerson J. Imus, 80, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Imus was a salesman for Garns Candy Co. in Auburn for 32 years. He then worked for F. McConnell and Sons Co. for nine years, retiring in 1989.

He was born Jan. 19, 1924, in Stroh to Nelson and Louise (Emerson) Imus.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, the American Legion post in Auburn and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Van Wert, Ohio. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army Air Force.

On Nov. 24, 1979, he married Marilyn Hamman-Grogg in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Scot and Cathy Imus of Carmel; three stepsons and their wives, Gary and Pam Grogg of Auburn, Larry and Peggy Grogg of Hamilton and Steve and Chris Grogg of Auburn; two daughters, Donna Imus of Indianapolis and Jerrilyn Imus of Auburn; one stepdaughter and her husband, Debra and Dan Keller of Auburn; one sister, Mary Welch of Auburn; two grandchildren, 11 stepgrandchildren and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Mavis, and his parents.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 E. Ninth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

Elizabeth Bigelow

GARRETT — Elizabeth "Betty" M. Bigelow, 95, of Garrett, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Bigelow

Mrs. Bigelow had lived in Garrett since 1937. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She married Edward E. Bigelow on Feb. 16, 1935, in Reading, Pa. He died Dec. 11, 1985.

Surviving are two sons, James Bigelow of Garrett and John Bigelow of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen and Estel Cottrell of Antwerp, Ohio, and Bette Duke of Claremore, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Riegel, her mother, Eva Kline, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. An Order of the Eastern Star service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Fund and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Gordon Bowen

FREMONT — Gordon S. "Pops" Bowen, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, in Fremont.

Mr. Bowen was a retired employee of General Motors in Flint, Mich. He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard and Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257.

He was born Dec. 11, 1930, in Flint to Emery and Alice Bowen. He married Nancy E. Kolloff on March 14, 1959. She preceded him in death on Dec. 15, 2002.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, John G. Bowen of Fremont and Stanley and Deanna Bowen of Davenport, Fla.; a daughter, Ginger A. Fifield of Ashley; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brown Funeral Home in Flint. Burial will be in Flint Memorial Park.

Calling will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Brown Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Fremont American Legion.

R. Carl Bryant

BUTLER — R. Carl Bryant, 92, of Butler, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at 8:50 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Bryant worked at Aro Corp. and was the owner of Bryant Cycle Service.

He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, Butler Lions and the Butler Park Board and formerly was active in the Boy Scouts of America.

He was born May 30, 1912, in Butler to Jacob and Anna (Skelton) Bryant.

He married Elizabeth Bumgardner on Sept. 25, 1943, in Butler. She died Nov. 4, 1988.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Carl L. and Jimmie Bryant of Roanoke, Va., and Thomas E. and Chris Bryant of Edgerton, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Jeff Bryant of Phoenix, Ariz., and Blaine Bryant of Edgerton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Delbert Bryant, and a sister, Mae Mutzfeld.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Daniel Eckart officiating. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to the Butler Parks Department.

Rudell Fugate

GARRETT — Rudell "Rudy" Fugate, 64, of Garrett, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at his home.

Born in Kentucky, Mr. Fugate worked in maintenance at Indian Springs Campground. He attended Freedom to Worship in Altona.

Surviving are four sons, Scott W. Fugate of Hudson, Dallas Fugate of Garrett and Marvin Fugate and Steve Wier, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Tammy Fugate of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Rose Fugate; and six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Beatrice and Chris McPhearson of Auburn, Viola and David Clair of Ohio, Joyce and Ed Cook of Auburn, Anita and Lester Rhodes of Garrett, Helen Bailey of Butler and Mary and Rick Maggert of Butler.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Man spent his last years as a newlywed

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ANGOLA — In the summer of 2002, 77-year-old Wilbur Hancock was all smiles as he sat next to his new bride, Ireta. The couple was holding hands, and they were always touching one another and calling each other pet names.

They got married June 28, 2002, at Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. Neighbors and friends first, the widow and widower eventually fell in love and decided to marry. Both were 77.

They had two-and-a-half happy years together before Wilbur passed away on Sunday, Jan. 9.

The marriage was a spur-of-the-moment decision. Wilbur and Ireta did it in secret, then came home and told their families. The wedding was performed by Pastor Tim Seevers, and the church's assistant minister acted as a witness.

ANDY BARRAND

Wilbur and Ireta Hancock are shown in this file photo from the summer of 2002 when the couple was married.

While both Ireta's and Wilbur's families knew the two were dating and would likely marry at some point, they were taken by surprise when it actually happened.

"We just ran off," Wilbur said with a twinkle in his mischievous eyes. "Our kids all wanted a big wedding and a party. We didn't ... we'd already done that. We didn't need it. I don't think your vows mean any more just because you had some big wedding."

Ireta and Wilbur spent much of their married life with their extended family — which included seven children, and dozens of grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren.

The couple became neighbors in the summer of 2000. Wilbur had lived at his house at 509 E. Gilmore St. for 12 years, and Ireta moved into her home across the street at 504 E. Gilmore in 2000. Wilbur said it wasn't love at first sight.

"When I first met her, I thought there was no fire," he said. "But it wasn't long before I realized there was." Ireta and Wilbur were friends for about 10 months before they officially started dating.

An active man even into his golden years, Wilbur was a World War II Army veteran, and worked as a supervisor at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 44 years. He was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, the Fremont American Legion and the Angola Moose Lodge.

During their time together, the Hancocks discovered they liked a lot of the same foods, TV shows and other things, like gardening. They became great friends, Ireta said.

Wilbur described his life with Ireta as "a joy."

"A lot of our real enjoyment is in just sitting and talking to each other," Wilbur said in 2002.

Wilbur was a self-described "neat freak" who always kept his house in order.

Ireta survives.

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Robert Snyder

AUBURN — Robert H. Snyder, 67, of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 at home after an extended illness.

Mr. Snyder was born May 26, 1937, in Muncie to Wayne and Norma Grim. He was employed by the Fort Wayne Post Office as a mail handler, and retired in 2000 after more than 20 years of service. He was a 1956 graduate of Bryan High School in Bryan, Ohio.

Surviving are his mother, Norma Grim of Edgerton, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Nikki and Tom Gearhart of Bryan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Jeanne Snyder of Plainfield, Ill., and Joe and Claudia Snyder of Concord, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Keith Winebar of Edgerton, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Private services are planned. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements were handled by Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton.

Condolences can be sent at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Ligonier Telephone Co. owner Dr. Robert Schloss dies at 75

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Robert P. Schloss, 75, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at his home. He had owned the Ligonier Telephone Co. for the past 25 years,

Dr. Schloss had a family medical practice at Anthony Medical Center in Fort Wayne from 1959 until his retirement due to illness in May 2004.

He was born July 27, 1929, in South Bend. He was a 1947 graduate of Ligonier High School and a 1956 graduate of Indiana University Medical School in Indianapolis. He interned at Hurley Hospital in Flint, Mich., and then entered the U.S. Air Force as a medical officer and was stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia.

Dr. Schloss served on the staff of Lutheran, St. Joseph and Parkview hospitals.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Medical Society, American Academy of Family Practice, American Medical Association, and the First Presbyterian Church.

Following the death of his father in 1980, he became president of Ligonier Telephone Co. In his capacity of president, he served on the board of directors of the Indiana Exchange Carriers Association and on numerous committees of the Indiana Telephone Association. He was also a member of the Indiana Fiber Network and the Indiana Video Network.

Surviving are his wife, Meshell Schloss of Fort Wayne; three sons, Daniel Schloss, a student at DePauw University, Phillip Schloss of Hillsboro, N.C., and Robert Schloss II of Columbus, Ind.; three daughters, Elizabeth Schloss, a student at Canterbury School, Krista Schloss of Fort Wayne and Susan Koenemann of Fort Wayne; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Oak Park Cemetery with military rites by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or the Allen County SPCA.

Terry Park

AUBURN — Terry G. Park, 73, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Park retired in 1994 as a manufacturing representative for Precision Components.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Toledo. He was a past president and active member of the Auburn Rotary Club.

He was born Jan. 8, 1932, in Toledo, Ohio, to Harley G. and Georgina (Casey) Park.

He married Nancy Richardson on July 17, 1954, in Toledo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim Park and Mary Fischer of Elmhurst, Ill.; a sister, Annette Goings of Toledo; and the last of his eight companion collies, Tiger.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Margaret Ann Park.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Bill Lyne officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about family members.*

Rudell Fugate

GARRETT — Rudell "Rudy" Fugate, 64, of Garrett died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Fugate worked in maintenance at Indian Springs Campground. He attended Freedom to Worship in Altona.

He was born Sept. 3, 1940, in Kentucky

He married Gloria Ochoa on May 6, 1977. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are four sons, Scott W. Fugate of Hudson, Dallas Fugate of Garrett and Marvin Fugate and Steve Wier, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Tammy Fugate of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Rose Fugate; and six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Beatrice and Chris McPhearson of Auburn, Viola and David Clair of Ohio, Joyce and Ed Cook of Auburn, Anita and Lester Rhodes of Garrett, Helen Bailey of Butler and Mary and Rick Maggert of Butler.

Services were conducted Monday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Ronald Laney

SPENCERVILLE — Ronald E. Laney, 47, of Spencerville died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at 3:54 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Laney was a production supervisor for Ashley Industrial Moldings. An avid Chicago Bears fan, he loved to fish and hunt.

He was born July 25, 1957, in Antwerp, Ohio, to James E. and Olive Jane (Swan) Laney. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Gwen (Ridgway) McClure. She survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are six sons and one daughter-in-law, Shane Hays of Kendallville, Brad and Stacie Laney of Auburn, and Jason McClure, Michael McClure, Brandon Laney and Nathan Laney, all of Spencerville; two daughters and one son-in-law, Tressie Laney and Shawn Crozier of Fort Wayne and Amanda Laney of Hicksville, Ohio; nine brothers, Larry Laney of Cecil, Ohio, James Laney Jr. of Paulding, Ohio, Richard Laney of Payne, Ohio, Robert R. Laney, Donald Laney, George Laney and Ken Laney, all of Hicksville, Ohio, Danny Laney of Spencerville, and William Laney of Payne, Ohio; four sisters, Doris Clemens of Continental, Ohio, Mary Smith of Spencerville, Jean Robinson of Urbana, Ohio, and Sue Mansfield of Hicksville, Ohio; six grandchildren, Mason, Taysha, Austin, Zachary, Alexis, and Kaiden; and his mother-in-law, Eileen Ridgway of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Laney, and a half-sister, Betty Williams.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Kathleen Clapp

FORT WAYNE — Kathleen E. Clapp, 77, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at her home.

She was a retired secretary and a member of the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Charles H. Clapp of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Emilie Manak of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Anne Dugan of Norman, Okla.; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth Badders of New Ulm, Minn., and Melba Jean Gunzenhauser of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Kimberly; a son, Brent; and a granddaughter.

Private graveside services will be at Beech Grove Cemetery in Huntington. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Rose Trammel

AUBURN — Rose M. Trammel, 89, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Trammel

Mrs. Trammel worked as a licensed professional nurse at Parkview Hospital for more than 20 years.

A former resident of Spencerville, she was a member of the Spencerville Community Club, St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville and Lutheran Church Women.

She was born Feb. 6, 1915, in Coldwater, Ohio, to William and Elizabeth (Stuckey) Ahrns. They preceded her in death.

She married Oscar F. Beckman on June 22, 1935, in Philothea, Ohio. He died April 26, 1946.

She then married Herman C. Tieman on May 29, 1948, and he died Feb. 23, 1962.

She married Virgil J. Trammel on Nov. 23, 1964, and he died Aug. 1, 1970.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth J. and Floyd Krontz of Spencerville and Mary E. and Joseph Rouse of Franktown, Colo.; two sisters, Ruth Schoenlein of St. Henry, Ohio, and Dorothy Stachler of Greenville, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; numerous stepgrandchildren; stepgreat-grandchidren; and stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Neal Beckman, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Spencerville. A graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Cemetery in Coldwater, Ohio.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

June Ostermeier

HUNTERTOWN — June R. Ostermeier, 57, of Huntertown died unexpectedly Monday morning, Jan. 17, 2005, in the emergency room of Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ostermeier had lived in Huntertown since 1970. Before moving to Huntertown, she and her husband lived in the Leo-Cedarville area.

She was the owner and operator of the Mills Cafe in Butler for the past four years, and had worked at the cafe for about nine years before purchasing it. She previously had worked as a journeyman apprentice bricklayer for 13 years. She was a 1966 graduate of Huntertown High School.

She was born Aug. 10, 1947, in Auburn to Robert and Doris J. (Stonebraker) Fredrick. Her mother survives in Huntertown and her father preceded her in death.

On Sept. 16, 1966, she married Terry J. Ostermeier, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Allisa K. Ostermeier of Huntertown; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Karen Fredrick of Wolcottville and Jack and Lori Fredrick of Huntertown; a sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Lynn Zehr of Huntertown; two grandchildren; and a stepgranddaughter.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Cindy L. Fredrick, and an uncle, Ross Fredrick.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Huntertown United Methodist Church, with Pastor Sherri Long officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from noon until 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Terry Ostermeier to help with funeral expenses.

Sheets and Childs funeral Home of Churubusco is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Edna Aplin

GARRETT — Edna M. Aplin, 89, of Garrett died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at 12:10 a.m. at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Aplin worked part-time at the Garrett Public Library during the 1970s and was employed by Culligan until she retired in 1985.

She was a devoted Christian and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a mother advisor for OES Rainbow Girls during the 1960s.

She was a Garrett Community Care volunteer and a volunteer receptionist at the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 7, 1915, in the prairie farmland town of Ruth Hilda, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Stella and Edwin Goldie.

After graduating from high school, she attended medical technology school in the United States.

She married E.F. Donavon Aplin, who preceded her in death.

She lived in Garrett as a homemaker from 1947 until September 2002, when she moved to an assisted living facility in Auburn.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Douglas and Jane Aplin of Toledo, Ohio, and Kirk Aplin of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeannie and John Cooper of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Erin Cooper, Dan Cooper, Garrick Aplin, Robert Aplin, Stuart Aplin and Andrew Aplin; and a great-granddaughter, Grace Mae Aplin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Wilda Schwalm; and a brother, Wendell Goldie of Garrett.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. An Order of the Eastern Star service will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Robert Hall Sr.

BELLEVUE, Ohio — Robert Paul Hall Sr., 84, of Bellevue, Ohio, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at 5:30 a.m. at his residence.

Mr. Hall

Mr. Hall worked as a freight conductor on the Nickel Plate Railroad for 26 years, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1946.

He was a member of the Bellevue Elks, the Eagles, the American Legion, Bellevue United Methodist Church, the Meritel Club and the Moose, and was a social member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Aug. 7, 1920, in Altona to Edward J. and Lillie Mae (Metzler) Hall. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Lu Lu E. (Vanetten) Hall of Bellevue; two daughters, Diane Wallace of Auburn and Gertrude "Trudy" Judson of Pretty Lake, Wolcottville; a stepson, William Harvey of Scranton, Pa.; a brother, Marvin Hall of Altona; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Paul Hall Jr.; a stepson, Harold Harvey; five brothers, Richard Hall, Wilford Hall, Frederick Hall, Edward J. Hall Jr., and John E. Hall; and two sisters, Violet Richardson and Mary Gravite.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Myron Hunter

SOUTH MILFORD — Myron Benjamin Hunter, 88, of South Milford died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Fla., where he was spending the winter months.

Mr. Hunter

Mr. Hunter had a farm north of South Milford and had also been employed as a truck driver with Seagley's Propane in Kendallville and Weiss Trucking in Mongo.

He was an active member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church north of Wolcottville.

He enjoyed playing shuffleboard both in Kendallville and Sarasota. He played an integral part in building the shuffleboard courts in Sunset Park in Kendallville.

In his earlier years he managed and played on a local softball team.

Mr. Hunter was born June 8, 1916, in Scott to Benjamin and Myra (Burris) Hunter. On Oct. 26, 1939, in Convoy, Ohio, he married Rachael Mary Thornell. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Ken Anspach of Van Wert, Ohio, Ruby and Steve Teeple of Bradenton, Fla., and Bonita and Harold Burtner of Muncie; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Stanley and Jean Hunter of Benton, Ky., Rodney and Nancy Hunter of LaGrange, Lowell and Dona Hunter of Wolcottville, and Merrill Hunter of Corunna; two sisters, Margie Hoellrich of Bradeton and Rae Frye of Van Wert; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Leslie Hunter, on June 21, 1956.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church near Wolcottville with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Katrina George

EATON PARK, Fla. — Katrina Mae (Prosser) George, 73, died of heart failure on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005.

A retired secretary, she was a member of COPS and the Homeland Association and was a Christian. She moved to central Florida from Oklahoma in 1960.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 25, 1931. Her father, Leonard Prosser, preceded her in death. Her mother, Beulah Gretchen (Rowe) Teeters, survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are her husband, Joseph George; two sons, Brian Wetherill of Cleveland, Tenn., and Timothy Wetherill of Florida; two grandchildren; one sister, Patty Desmond of Winter Haven, Fla., one brother, Richard L. Prosser of Auburn; and her aunt, June Houser of Hamilton Lake.

Private services will be at a later date. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery northeast of Corunna.

Brian Daniels

LARWILL — Brian Scott Daniels, 39, of Larwill died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen M. Weybright; two sons, Jared Oberley and Kyle Daniels, both of Larwill; a daughter, Katelyn Daniels of Larwill; his parents, Frederick and Barbara Daniels of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rebecca and Tom Neuhaus of Fort Wayne and Pam and Scott Kipfer of Spencerville; a grandmother, Ellen Hofrichter of Fort Wayne; and three nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with burial at South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Wesleyan Church.

Anita Sloffer

AVILLA — Anita Lee (DeVeny) Sloffer, 59, of Avilla died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at her home at LaVerna Terrace in Avilla.

Mrs. Sloffer had worked for Kendallville veterinarian Dr. Drexel Hull and his wife, Carol, at their animal clinic on S.R. 3 north of Kendallville. She was a volunteer for the Humane Society of Noble County and served as its treasurer for several years. She was actively involved in raising funds for the current facility.

She will be remembered for her talents including arranging dried flowers, knitting, crocheting, sewing, cooking and gardening. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She was born Oct. 25, 1945, in Kendallville to Russell Guy DeVeny and Ottilee Juliene (Hall) Minnick. Her family lived in Garrett for several years and she attended Will Franks School there. In 1955 they moved to Huntertown. She was a cheerleader at Huntertown High School for four years, graduating from there in 1963.

Surviving are a daughter, Tina Marie Munn of Coralville, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Neal Andrew and Amy Marie Sloffer of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn Ann and Ralph DePaolo of Garrett; a niece, Andrea Marie LaComb of Flower Mound, Texas; two aunts, Marjory DeVeny of Lancaster, Calif., and Imogene Kronmueller of Garrett; and three grandchildren, Abigail Marie Sloffer, Zachary Russell Sloffer and Mackenzie Arlee Sloffer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a son, Brett Russell Sloffer on Nov. 3, 1987.

Private arrangements are by Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

Rev. Marvin Tuttle

STROH — The Rev. Marvin Douglas Tuttle, 60, of Stroh died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at his residence.

He organized and pastored Charity United Baptist Church since 1989. He was a pattern maker with Foley Pattern in Auburn.

Mr. Tuttle

He was born May 6, 1944, to Jay and Delzy (Chaffins) Tuttle in Minnie, Ky. He married Patricia Ann Rister on June 9, 1962, in Garrett, Ky.

Surviving are his wife; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Ronald and Christina Tuttle of Stroh, Phillip and Bobbie Tuttle of Flint, Donald and Norma Tuttle of Kendallville, Terry Tuttle of Stroh and Bruce Tuttle of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Larry Diehl of Stroh; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Harvey and Ruthie Tuttle of Hudson, the Rev. Billy Ray and Betty Tuttle of Hudson, and Rodney and Helen Tuttle of Garrett, Ky.; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Edna Mae Tuttle of Wolcottville, Nadine and Billy Ray Powers of Mongo, Barbara and Oscar Slone of Rome City, Ruby and Klinon Newsome of McDowell, Ky., and Cindy and Gary McNickle of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Isom Tuttle; and a sister, Irene Moore.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Charity United Baptist Church, located at LaGrange county roads 100S and 950E near Stroh, with the Rev. Willie Collins, the Rev. John Ward and the Rev. Todd Masters officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday at Charity United Baptist Church where an evening service will be at 6 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Daniel Galey

GLOVERSVILLE, S.C. — Daniel D. Galey, 77, of Gloversville, S.C., died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, in Gloversville.

Mr. Galey was employed as a longshoreman in Chicago for 40 years. He was a World War II veteran.

He was born July 2, 1927, in Ottumwa, Iowa, to Arthur and Lucy Galey.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; and two sisters, Louise Galey and Elizabeth Eberhard, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, James, Richard, Paul, John and Theodore Galey.

Burial will be in Shaul Cemetery at Ottumwa, Iowa.

Alitha Deibele

GARRETT — Alitha L. Deibele, 101, of Garrett, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at 10:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

Mrs. Deibele

Mrs. Deibele worked as the office manager at the Garrett Clinic for six years, from 1920 to 1926.

She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett for 79 years. She was a member of the Zion Ladies Aide and was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

She married Donald S. Deibele Sr., on April 22, 1926, in Kendallville. He died Nov. 21, 1992.

She is survived by two daughters, Jeanette M. Dallas of Garrett and Patricia A. Perry of Santee, Calif.; a son, Donald S. Deibele Jr., of Garrett; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, LeRoy Wessel and Maurice Wessel; two sisters, Helen Shumaker and Edna Dannenberg; two granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn of the church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Harold Boggs

TAVARES, Fla. — Harold S. Boggs, 79, of Taveres, Fla., died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at the Ruleme Center in Eustis.

He was a drill press operator at International Harvester in Fort Wayne until retiring in 1983. A native of Allen County, he had moved to Taveres in 2000.

Mr. Boggs

Mr. Boggs was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Sept. 8, 1925, to Adam S. and Mamie (Cross) Boggs. He married Marsaleete Shively on Jan. 14, 1950, in Churubusco. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven E. Boggs of Fort Wayne and Jeffery L. and MiSue Boggs of Columbus, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Eleanor Boggs of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister and brother-in-law, Sarah Leone (Susie) and John Stemen of Butler; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Fred Woodward officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE EVENING STAR

JANUARY 23 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mr. Boyd remembered as a cowboy

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"He was known by the town, and somebody said,

There goes Don Boyd the cowboy, with his hat on his head!

Though later in life, he was grounded, they say.

And the horses and cycles were all put away.

But I'll bet in his dreams he still rode every place

On four legs or two wheels, with the wind in his face.

And again he can ride, and now he is free!

Cause my dad was a cowboy, and he always will be."

Those were some of the sentiments Donna Jean Boyd, the youngest daughter of Donald Boyd of Angola, expressed in a poem she wrote and then read at her father's funeral this past week.

"My husband said he never could have done it," said Bonne Boyd, who has been married to Mr. Boyd's son, Larry, for 39 years. "We couldn't believe Donna did it, but she did. And she did a great job."

Mr. Boyd, 83, had been in failing health for about the past year. He died Monday.

His wife of 62 years, Marie, said if she could describe her husband with one word, it would probably be "outgoing."

"He loved life and he very much loved people," Marie said, tears catching in her throat. "He was a good dad and a good husband."

The Boyds met when Marie was 19 and Donald was 20. They used to go to the same local dance halls.

"My family met him and approved of him," Marie said. "I think people thought we were too young when we got married, but I guess we did OK."

Dancing was something the Boyds loved all through their married life.

"Lawrence Welk was on not too long ago, and he said, 'Oh, I wish I could dance with you.' He just didn't do too well when he tried to stand up and walk. But he held me and we swayed to the music a little. We did the best we could."

Bonne remembers her father-in-law as someone who loved horses and motorcycles.

"He was a cowboy," she said. "Even when he went to motorcycles ... it was just trading in something with four legs for something with two wheels. He still had the wind in his face."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Donald Boyd is seen riding a horse in this photo contributed by his family. Mr. Boyd was eulogized by his daughter, Donna Jean Boyd, in a poem that illustrated his riding "on four legs or two wheels, with the wind in his face." Mr. Boyd died recently at the age of 83.

Mr. Boyd became a familiar figure about town on his motorcycle (Marie said it was a Honda, but she didn't know how big.)

"I don't know why he married me ... I didn't like horses and I didn't like motorcycles. I guess maybe he thought I had money, but I didn't," Marie said. Mr. Boyd rode his motorcycle to places he frequented, such as Tom's Donuts in Angola.

"People would say, 'There goes Boyd,'" Marie said. "Even with his helmet on, they knew it was him."

Bonne said in the past nearly four decades she spent around her father-in-law, she can't remember a time when he didn't treat her like family.

"He and my mother-in-law both always made me feel very comfortable," she said with a smile. "I was one of them right away. He was a teaser and a joker though. And that never stopped."

As the family grew and Mr. Boyd's children had children, and then those children became parents, he enjoyed being a part of their lives.

"He loved the grandkids and the great-grandkids. He loved being around the little babies," Bonne remembered. "He was all about that."

In recent years, Marie said, her husband had stopped going to church for a while. But he went back a couple of weeks ago, and he was smiling and shaking hands with everyone, she said.

"The pastor said he knew he had to go and say goodbye to his church friends," she said.

Marie remembered her husband as "a man with a bright smile and the most beautiful, unusual blue eyes."

"He was a wonderful, wonderful man," Marie said.

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Marion Tucker Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Marion A. Tucker Sr., 57, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 23, 1947, in Kentucky.

Service arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

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JANUARY 24 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Former State Sen. Dale Barrett dies at 82

ANGOLA — Sen. F. Dale Barrett, 82, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Sen. Barrett was born March 1, 1922, in Decatur, Ill., to Ferre Charles and Sylvia M. (Myers) Barrett. He was married to Margaret Wise on Sept. 28, 1946. She survives.

He was a former Indiana state senator from 1958 to 1962. He served as chairman of the Welfare and Social Security Committee and was on the study committee for the Not For Profit Trade Schools and Employment Security acts.

He organized the Whitley County Young Democrats in 1957, and served as the organization's first president. The next year, he was elected to the Fourth District presidency. During his time in that office, Young Democrats clubs were organized in every county of the district.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. While in the service, he took part in five major invasions and was on the USS Breton for 30 months in the South Pacific.

Sen. Barrett

He was an inventory auditor at International Harvester, where he worked for 35 years, retiring in 1982. At Harvester, he served on the Central Labor Council. He was also the chairman of CAP, Local 305.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31, and was a past commander of Churubusco American Legion Post No. 157. He was past chaplain of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205, and was the former Democratic city chairman in Churubusco, where he was precinct committeeman for 45 years.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, as well as the Knights of Columbus, Allen County Labor Club, the Jefferson Club and the Indiana Legislative Club.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Church in Ege, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Ege. Military graveside rites will be performed.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Marion Tucker Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Marion A. Tucker Sr., 57, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Tucker was employed as a janitor at Victoria Homes in Middlebury. He was a member of the Ontario Baptist Church in Ontario, Ind.

He was born Oct. 23, 1947, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Hazel Sample of Kendallville; six sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles and Darinda Tucker of Butler, Marion Tucker Jr., and Joselyn Tucker of Auburn, James Woodworth of Kentucky, Dalton Wayne Ritchie of Rome City, Dale Ritchie of Kentucky and Carey Tucker of Butler; six daughters and a son-in-law, Tonycka Shephard of Kentucky, Tammy Wayer of Michigan, Tonya Woodworth of Michigan, Jessica D. Treesh of Auburn, Jan Wagner of LaGrange and Jennifer and Ellis Ritchie of Kendallville; seven brothers, Donald Tucker, Randy Tucker and Dawson Tucker, all of Indiana, Dowine Tucker of Rome City, Gary Tucker of Corunna, Dustin Tucker of Garrett and Richard Tucker of Kendallville; three sisters, Lavanche Knight of Fort Wayne, Trisha Kelly of Wolcottville and Coleen Vanschoyck of Kentucky; a friend, Stan Myers of LaGrange, 33 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Tucker; a sister, Rella Tucker; and two grandchildren, Timothy Tucker and Logan Tucker.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Ontario Baptist Church, Ontario, with Pastor Dale Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Former DeKalb councilman Roger Stebing dies at 86

GARRETT — Roger W. Stebing, 86, of Garrett died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stebing

Mr. Stebing had been a DeKalb County councilman for 12 years and had served on the DeKalb County Planning Commission.

He was a farmer in Butler Township for 45 years and worked as a bookkeeper for Rohm Chevrolet of Auburn and L.G. Maxton of Angola.

A member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn for more than 50 years, he sang in the church choir and men's choir and was a member of the church council.

He also was a member of the DeKalb County Fair Board, the credit committee of DeKalb Financial Credit Union, the Northeastern Indiana Solid Waste Management District, hazardous waste committee, and soil and water preservation committee.

He served as a secretary-treasurer of the DeKalb County Co-op for 25 years. He was also a Farm Bureau member for 45 years, and a member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club.

Mr. Stebing was born July 16, 1918, in Auburn to Perry C. and Bernice (Weimer) Stebing.

On Aug. 10, 1941, in Spencerville, he married Erma Jean Baltz. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Tom Stebing of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Bussell of Auburn; a brother, Donald Stebing of Fort Wayne; and a grandchild.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 E. Ninth St., Auburn, with Pastor Stephen K. Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

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Obituaries In The News

Father of gospel great Bill Gaither dies at 91

ALEXANDRIA, Ind. (AP) — George W. Gaither, the father of Grammy-winning gospel music singer Bill Gaither, has died at the age of 91.

Gaither, who died Thursday at Community Hospital in Anderson, had spent much of the past 30 years as part of his son's concert crew until his battle with lung cancer took him off the road, said Bill Gaither's wife, Gloria.

George Gaither was born in Alexandria and lived in the town his entire life. He was a tool and die maker at Delco Remy in Anderson for 32 years, retiring in 1972. Following his retirement, he traveled extensively across the country and overseas as manager of product sales for the Bill Gaither Trio, the Gaither Vocal Band and the Homecoming Friends.

Donald Martz

CORUNNA — Area businessman and developer Donald E. Martz of Corunna died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at his home.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, 0389 C.R. 12, Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements. A full obituary will be published in Wednesday's edition.

Donald Martz

CORUNNA — Donald E. Martz, 76, of rural Corunna died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at 10:25 p.m. in the same home where he was born on March 27, 1928, to Phillip and Olga (Blech) Martz.

Mr. Martz was a lifetime farmer and spent some time in construction. He was a businessman and housing developer.

A lifetime member of Zion Lutheran Church in rural Corunna, he served as chairman of the congregation and an elder.

He graduated in 1946 from Ashley High School, where he played basketball for the Aces. He attended Manchester College for two years.

He graduated in 1953 from Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Korea. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 at Kendallville.

He married Virginia Carolyn McNair on Jan. 15, 1955, in Heidelberg, Germany. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Linda Martz of Corunna; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Mark Ferrebee of Edgerton, Ohio, Michelle and Jimmy Phillips of Corunna, Lori and Ronald Grate of Corunna and Marjorie and Mike Westphal of Bourbonnais, Ill.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis Schuller of Corunna and Dortha and Tilson King of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, Rachel Schermerhorn, Nickolas Martz, Tyler Martz, Mariah Martz, Nichole Lako, Rebekkah Ferrebee, Jacob Ferrebee, Jarrod Phillips, Rose Phillips, Shannon Comment, Ryan Grate, Elizabeth Grate, Timothy Smith, Rebecca Coath and Dr. Steven Westphal; and three great-grandchildren, Madison and Natalea Comment and Grant Schermerhorn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Edgar; and a brother-in-law, Walter Schuller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, 0389 C.R. 12, Corunna. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, Noble County Hospice or the Concordia Theological Seminary Adopt a Student Program.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Esther Kessler

AUBURN — Esther Kessler, 81, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at 6:45 p.m. at Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Kessler was a homemaker and a devoted wife and mother. She had worked at Kraft in Kendallville for 10 years.

She was a member of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She married Arthur Leon Kessler on Feb. 12, 1945, in North Carolina, where he was stationed. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dianne (Kessler) and Larry Brand of Ashley and Bev (Kessler) and Matt Murray of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Leslie Kessler of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Robert and Sandy Kessler of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jean Frazie.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phillip, and two sisters, Mowitza Campbell and Grace Flynn.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center, C.R. 427, Auburn.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

James Pizana

WATERLOO — James "Tiny" Pizana, 53, of Waterloo died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pizana worked as a welder at Dexter Axle in Fremont for 13 years.

He was a member of Agape Assembly of God in Waterloo and was very proud of his Cherokee Indian heritage.

He was born Dec. 24, 1951, in Fort Wayne to Francisco and Betty (Branning) Pizana. They preceded him in death.

He married Debra F. Maugherman on Oct. 7, 1977, in Waterloo and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Allan Pizana of Waterloo; two daughters, Rebecca A. Pizana of Waterloo and Rachel N. Pizana of Waterloo; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Mona and Doug Gains of Fort Wayne, Brenda and David Fletcher of Fort Wayne, Carol Wilcoxen of New Haven, Dawn and Steve Brown of New Haven and Kris Nicolett of New Haven; and a granddaughter, Deseraye Pizana.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Brent "Boo" Pizana.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

James Wisner

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — James A. Wisner, 75, of Sheridan, Wyo., died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, in the VA Medical Center at Sheridan.

Mr. Wisner

He was born Nov. 4, 1929, in Metz to Liston and Luella (Porter) Wisner.

Mr. Wisner grew up and graduated from high school in Metz. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the military police.

After his service, he returned to Indiana, where he was a police officer in Angola until he retired after 22 years. He then worked as a probation officer until retiring and moving to Sheridan in 1992.

He also worked part-time at Weicht Funeral Home for many years.

Mr. Wisner was a member of Odd Fellows, the American Legion, Moose Lodge and the Fraternal Order of Police.

He was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheridan. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling.

He married Norma French on April 16, 1954, in Angola. She survives in Sheridan.

Also surviving are a son, Stephen French of Aurora, Colo.; two daughters, Linda Prosser-Livingston of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Julie Adams of Sheridan; brother, Richard Wisner of Auburn; a sister, Glida Wisner of South Bend; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Alana Penland; two brothers; a sister; and a grandson.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Ronald Nelson and the Rev. Wilbur Holz officiating. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, with military rites by the American Legion and Wyoming National Guard.

Champion Ferries Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the James Wisner Memorial Fund, in care of Nancy Lohse, U.S. Bank, 203 S. Main St., Sheridan, WY 82801

Victor Emerick

STURGIS, Mich. — Victor Allen Emerick, 57, of Sturgis, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, in Three Rivers, Mich.

Mr. Emerick

A native of Kendallville, he had been a Sturgis resident for most of his life.

Mr. Emerick had been employed as a machinist at Flowserve in Kalamazoo, Mich., and had worked as a machinist at Sutton Tool for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the Sturgis Eagles. He was very active in UAW Local 382 and was its past president. He enjoyed country line dancing, fishing, and playing golf.

He was born April 28, 1947, in Kendallville to Ernest R. and Delores (Shultz) Emerick. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Auburn.

On April 17, 1976, in Sturgis, he married Pamela Ferguson She preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 1997.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law: Ernest and Lori Emerick of Sturgis, Larry Emerick of Sturgis and Adam Emerick of Luray, Va.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jayna Emerick of Sturgis and Angie and James Sienkowski of Sturgis; 11 grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Judy and Jim Lowe of Blythe, Calif. and Sally and Eugene Kessler of Auburn; and three brothers and sisters-in-law Thomas and Rita Emerick, Russell and Marjorie Emerick and Robert and Beverly Emerick, all of Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis. Pastors Brian Vanosdol and Mark Denney of the LaGrange Church of God will officiate. Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Longtime Kendallville jeweler Guy Swartzlander dies at 83

KENDALLVILLE — Former Kendallville jeweler Guy E. Swartzlander, 83, of Kendallville died at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Swartzlander was a registered watchmaker and certified gemologist and operated Swartzlander Jewelry, a family business located in downtown Kendallville from 1925-1991. He was associated with the business for 51 years.

He also had been a salesman for A.R. Jester Co. of Cincinnati specializing in Black Hills gold.

He was a lifetime area resident and 1940 graduate of Kendallville High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

In 1938, Mr. Swartzlander became the youngest person to be certified by the American Gem Society. He was also a member of the Indiana Jewelers and had served as president of the organization in 1978.

He had served as president of First Federal Savings & Loan for several years. He was a member of the Rotary Club, American Legion Post 86 and had served as president of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Swartzlander

Mr. Swartzlander was past president of the Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Society. He was instrumental in building the Carriage House Visitors Center at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site on Sylvan Lake.

He was a 73-year member of Trinity Church United Methodist and had served on many boards at the church.

Mr. Swartzlander was born Nov. 30, 1921, in Wolcottville to Guy R. and Mabel (McKevitt) Swartzlander. On Feb. 20, 1949, in Wolcottville, he married Ima June Rose. She died July 14, 1984. On Nov. 9, 1985, in Kendallville, he married Martha Schwab McKibben. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons; Guy James and Tawna Swartzlander of Kendallville, Carey and Kim McKibben of LaGrange and Jim McKibben and his partner, Jonathan Jacobson, of New York, N.Y.; two daughters, Barbara June and Sheldon Kaye of Scarborough, Maine, and Janet and Steve Barnett of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Lindy and Jonathan Savoie, Abby Swartzlander, Chris Barnett, Brian and Adrienne Barnett, Alyssa Barnett, Scott McKibben, Lauren McKibben and Nicole McKibben; and two great-grandchildren, Drake Williams and Andrew Walker Barnett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Society or to Trinity Church United Methodist.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about surviving relatives.*

Marion Tucker Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Marion A. Tucker Sr., 57, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Tucker was employed as a janitor at Victoria Homes in Middlebury. He was a member of the Ontario Baptist Church in Ontario, Ind.

He was born Oct. 23, 1947, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Hazel Sample of Kendallville; seven sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles and Darinda Tucker of Butler, Marion Tucker, Jr., and Joselyn Tucker of Auburn, James Woodworth of Kentucky, Dalton Wayne and Melinda Ritchie of Rome City, Dale Ritchie of Kentucky, Carey Tucker of Butler and Trampes Ritchie of Michigan; seven daughters and three sons-in-law, Tonycka and Bo Shephard of Kentucky, Tammy and Gray Wayer of Michigan, Tonya Woodworth of Michigan, Jessica D. Treesh of Auburn, Jan Wagner of LaGrange, Jennifer and Ellis Ritchie of Kendallville and Tresha Kelley; seven brothers, Donald Tucker, Randy Tucker and Dawson Tucker, all of Indiana, Dowine Tucker of Rome City, Gary Tucker of Corunna, Dustin Tucker of Garrett and Richard Tucker of Kendallville; three sisters, Lavanche Knight of Fort Wayne, Trisha Kelly of Wolcottville and Coleen Vanschoyck of Kentucky; a friend, Stan Myers of LaGrange; 33 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Tucker; a sister, Rella Tucker; and two grandchildren, Timothy Tucker and Logan Tucker.

Services were Wednesday at Ontario Baptist Church, Ontario, with Pastor Dale Hicks officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery at Wolcottville.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

Donald Szeman

ANGOLA — Donald Andrew Szeman, 68, of Angola died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at home.

Mr. Szeman

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He was retired from the Indiana National Guard Reserves. He was employed by the Angola Lumber Co. for 30 years, Fremont Lumber Co. for six years, and Rural King in Angola.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Fremont Moose Lodge and the National Rifle Association.

Also surviving are his mother, Martha Szeman of Hamilton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald A. and Rene Szeman II of Waterloo and Michael and Sharon Szeman of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Sheila and Mark Elkins of Hamilton, Jayne and Tom Gushwa of Middlebury, Karen Teegardin of Butler, Lois and Lloyd Hatton of Garrett and Lori and Chuck Mosley of Spencerville; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, John and Jody Leslie of Kendallville and Jeff Leslie of Waterloo; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Kelly Ritter of Auburn and Kristine and Eric Swenson of Pflugerville, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Philip and Rebecca Szeman of Hamilton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sue and Kenneth Woman of Lanexa, Va., and Teresa and Tony Congleton of Hicksville, Ohio; 27 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Irene Fee and Mary Szeman; and two grandchildren, James and Ayla Szeman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family care of Dale Szeman.

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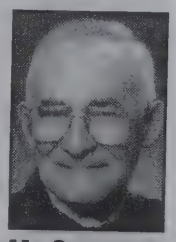
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Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are Masses to St. Anthony.

Former Newnam Foundry president John Milnor dies at 68

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — John Newnam Milnor, 68, of San Antonio, Texas, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, while vacationing in Florida.

Mr. Milnor had been president of Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, and when the foundry was purchased by Chromalloy Metal Tectonics of San Antonio, he moved to Texas, where he continued to work and manage multiple foundries.

He was born in Fort Wayne, where he graduated from South Side High School. He attended Indiana University and Bowling Green University and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

He was an avid outdoorsman and hunter.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Cara Milnor; children Nicholas, Sarah and Daniel; a sister, Martha Richter of Lake Forest, Ill.; daughters-in-law Amy and Donna; and a grandson, Kody.

A memorial service will be at the Milnor home at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Ducks Unlimited.

William Rhoads

PLEASANT LAKE — William L. Rhoads, 79, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rhoads was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He enjoyed fishing and bird watching.

He was born Oct. 21, 1925, in Wabash to Samuel and June (Hobson) Rhoads. They preceded him in death.

On Feb. 14, 1958, he married Nellie L. Powell. She preceded him in death on May 25, 1984.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, June and Tim Concus of Pleasant Lake, Geraldine Rhoads and Margaret Rhoads; four sons and a daughter-in-law, David Rhoads of Garrett, Harold and Sharon Payton of Columbia City, Edward Rhoads and James Rhoads; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Edna Twigs of Wabash.

He also was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, 200 W. Toledo, Fremont. Pastor Norman Fuller will officiate.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery. Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257 will perform military committal services.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities of the donor's choice.

Retha Grable

BUTLER — Retha May Grable, 95, of Butler died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Grable was a homemaker, a charter member of the Butler Nazarene Church and a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and Franklin Township Friends Club.

She was born Oct. 31, 1909, in Monroeville to John E. and Rose (Johnson) Isenbarger.

On June 17, 1933, in Fort Wayne, she married Ernest K. Grable. He preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 1993.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Nan Grable of Angola; one daughter, Margie Elliott of Gladstone, Mo.; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one sister, one son-in-law, a grandson and her grandmother.

Services will be at noon Monday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of the Nazarene and DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

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Mrs. Daugherty remembered as 'gracious,' giving

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Lois Daugherty, right, Pleasant Lake, shares a laugh with one of her many friends, Mia Furniss, Jimmerson Lake, in this photo shot during the Christmas season of 2003. Daugherty had a circle of friends that included people half her age and representing many varied walks of life.

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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PLEASANT LAKE — Lois Daugherty and Carl Zimmerman have been friends for the last 11 years.

"We would have been neighbors for 11 years on March 1," Zimmerman said. "Her husband had died the year before when we met, and she was very receptive to making new friends and developing new relationships."

Despite a 17-year age difference, the pair became inseparable comrades, and it was Zimmerman who was by Lois' side just before she passed away Tuesday.

Lois had been in declining health for a while, Zimmerman said. She went to the hospital a couple of weeks ago, and then went to Lakeland Nursing Center, where she stayed for the last few days of her life.

Lois and Carl had a long-standing tradition of going to each other's homes once a week for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

"One week she'd have me over, the next I'd have her over," he remembered. "She loved entertaining and she loved dinner parties. She was a very gracious hostess. Even if she was very tired, she'd always offer you one more drink."

Carl said his friend was always concerned with looking good.

"She always wore her makeup and dressed to a T," he said.

Carl said people always thought the coiffed and polished Lois colored her hair, but that wasn't the case.

"Her hair was this natural, beautiful shade of reddish-gold," he said. "She had very little gray."

Lois also wasn't the type to hold a grudge.

"In 1999 or 2000 when the Steuben Township Fire Department caught on fire and basically burned to the ground, Lois happened to be heading out on some errands," remembered Mike Marturello, a good friend. "She took Lake Street to get out around all the commotion. It just so happened a fire truck came rushing down the street/goat path. Lois pulled off to the side of the road to try to allow the truck to pass. She ended up sliding off the road and rolled her vehicle, if my memory is correct."

Although she sustained some minor injuries in the mishap and her car was wrecked, Lois didn,t hold it against her hometown fire department.

"Lois ended up sending a donation to the fire department to help rebuild," Mike said. "The fire chief was astounded to get a check from the woman who was forced off the road, wrecking her vehicle. Lois, on the other hand, felt badly that she was only able to give $25 because she had the expense of replacing her car."

Carl said Lois, who had taken care of an ill husband for nine years, dreaded going to the nursing home, but knew it was time when it happened.

"Once someone offered to take her cat, Pebbles, it was a great relief for her," Carl said. "I think she just knew it was her time. She had lost 40 pounds — and she wasn't big to begin with — and she couldn't walk."

Carl said he will always remember his friend, who he said was like both a big sister and a mother to him. He said he'll also remember her as adventurous.

"Whenever anyone wanted to do anything, she was always the first one to say yes," he said with obvious affection. "She loved to go out and eat, to play cards, to try new things. And for a woman of her era, she was very assertive."

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Roger Stebing was held in high regard

BY BILL GISEL
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GARRETT — Jackie Carpenter and her brother, Craig, grew up as Butler Township neighbors to Roger Stebing, who died Monday at the age of 86.

Carpenter remembers once being locked out of her house, and she and her brother walked across a field to the Stebing farmhouse in order to call their parents.

"He fed us milk and cookies," she recalled.

"Always at Halloween, his house was our first stop, and they had bags of candy with our names on them," she continued.

Mr. Stebing

"He would always take pictures of us in our costumes," she said with a laugh, and the practice continued even when the Carpenter kids were teenagers and too old to trick-or-treat. "We would still dress up in some kind of a costume, and we would still get a sack full of candy!"

Bob Sickmiller, who lived next door for 35 years, called Mr. Stebing "a wonderful neighbor and a devout Christian, and that just about says it all."

Mr. Stebing farmed for 45 years, and after retiring still stayed active, said Garry Thrush, who leases 349 acres of Mr. Stebing's farm.

"He was always there with advice, or anything else I needed," to help with the farming operation, Thrush said.

The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, where Mr. Stebing was a member more than 50 years, recounted Mr. Stebing's many accomplishments.

"This sounds like a man who didn't come home and put his feet up. He was very active in his community," Kummernuss said at Thursday's funeral service.

Mr. Stebing sang in the church choir and men's chorus and found time to serve on the church council; was a member of the DeKalb County Fair board and the credit committee of DeKalb Financial Credit Union, and was secretary-treasurer of the DeKalb County Co-op for 25 years, as well as other activities.

He was a DeKalb County councilman 12 years, but was active in the Republican Party and a Butler Township precinct committeeman for much longer than that.

Marcella Fuller, a former GOP county chairman, said Mr. Stebing "was just one of those kinds of people that was always there when you needed him.

"He would help with the fair parades, and we stored the elephants that went on the party's floats in his barn," she recalled. "He was just an awfully good friend, and I appreciated all he did."

DeKalb County Commissioner William "Chuck" Ort said Mr. Stebing was a County Council member when he first became a commissioner in 1991, and he was impressed with how considerate Mr. Stebing was, not only with the public but with his job as a councilman.

"He studied the issues, and he knew his position," Ort commented. "He looked after the best interests of the taxpayers."

Present council member and longtime friend Robert Wilder noted that Mr. Stebing's opinions "were always presented in a way that was not disagreeable. They were not just opinion — he was very well read and he researched an issue before he expressed himself.

"People held his opinion and judgment in very high regard," Wilder said. "He is going to be missed in DeKalb County."

State Sen. Dennis Kruse noted that on several occasions, Mr. Stebing was his defender as well as a good friend.

"I appreciated him defending me as a legislator," Kruse said. "He was very able as a councilman and a farmer," Kruse continued. "He had a good faith in God and he used it as a basis for a lot of his beliefs."

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Community mattered to John Milnor

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Friends of John Newnam Milnor, who moved from Kendallville some 25 years ago, recall him as a "community-minded person."

Mr. Milnor died Jan. 23 while vacationing in Florida with his wife of 46 years, Cara. They made their home in San Antonio, Texas, where they moved after the sale of the family business, Newnam Foundry.

Former Kendallville Mayor John Riemke was active in Jaycees, as was Milnor, and he remembers Milnor's commitment and loyalty to the community as well.

He especially remembers Milnor's accessibility when Milnor was president of Newnam Foundry, a company founded by Milnor's grandfather, Nick Newnam.

"That was when the mayor could just walk into the office of an industry and talk to the head honcho," Riemke said.

"We worked through a lot of problems … pollution and that sort of stuff. He was open and cooperative, and he participated," he continued. "They lived here, shopped here, and had a commitment and loyalty to the community."

Mrs. Dean Robinson and her late husband were close friends of the Milnors. Robinson was vice president at Newnam.

"They say that people make only four or five really close friends during a lifetime, and John certainly was very much a part of our lives," she said.

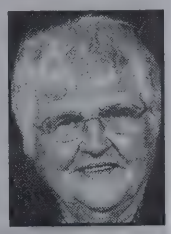
Many foundry employees still love Mr. Milnor, she believes. Even though the company is no longer associated with the family for which it is named, the Clara Newnam Foundation continues its good works for employees, she said.

Mrs. Milnor said she and her husband were planning to buy a motorhome and do some traveling. His sudden death came as a shock.

She said that while he had previous heart problems, he had been strong and active. Mr. Milnor loved the outdoors and hunting. She said memorials are to Duck Unlimited.

Lillian Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Lillian E. Hart, 87, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mrs. Hart

Mrs. Hart had been a cook at St. John Lutheran School for 25 years and then was a cook at McCray Memorial Hospital for 25 years until her retirement.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Hart enjoyed playing euchre and was a member of the Second Time Around Club at the Youth Center. She also enjoyed playing euchre at the Noble County Community Fair. She was an avid fisherman and enjoyed following East Noble sports, IU basketball and the Cubs. Making bread was a favorite pastime along with teaching children how to crochet.

She had attended Zion Lutheran Elementary School near Corunna and graduated from Waterloo High School.

Mrs. Hart was born April 12, 1917, in Avilla to Otto and Lottie (Diehm) Kammerer.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Carol Hart of Kendallville, Lynn and Colleen Hart of Wolcottville and Jim and Connie Hart of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Deanna Hart of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Mae Kammerer of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Richard Hart and David Hart; three brothers, LeRoy, Henry and Arthur Kammerer, and two sisters, Edith Woods and Ruth Myers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Early Adventures Child Care.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Sumner

WATERLOO — John David Sumner, 49, of Waterloo died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Born Sept. 24, 1955, in Perry County, Ky., he was the son of Eli and Hazel (Eversole) Sumner. Both parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are six brothers, Norman Sumner of Perry County, Ky., Ova Wayne Sumner of Lexington, Ky., Eli Sumner Jr., Esom Glen Sumner and Coby Sumner, all of Waterloo, and Daniel James Sumner of Kendallville; three sisters, Francis Ann Collins of Wolcottville, and Persie Sumner and Mary Catherine Pence, both of Garrett.

A sister, Ora Lee Cody, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Jean Miller

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. – Jean R. Miller, 79, formerly of Huntington, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at 6:30 a.m. at her home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Mrs. Miller graduated from Garrett High School in 1943. She graduated from Rush-Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago as a registered nurse. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from St. Francis College in Joliet, Ill., and was a member of Cadet Nursing.

Mrs. Miller was a co-owner of Miller Pharmacy in Huntington for 26 years, retiring in 1990. She worked at Coleman Hospital in Indianapolis, Huntington Memorial Hospital and Norwood Nursing Home.

She was a co-founder of the Huntington Toastmistress Club and served as its first president. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and Altrusa. She was a member of Starlight Dance Club, Lamplighters Dance Club and Gayla Dance Club and received multiple ballroom dance awards at international ballroom dance competitions in Chicago.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington.

She was born Oct. 6, 1925, in Garrett to Carson and Mildred Arning Schlosser. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert J. Miller on June 8, 1947, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deborah J. Miller of Georgetown, Maine; three sons, Robert J. "Rob" Miller of Huntington, Jeffery P. Miller of Philadelphia and Scott A. Miller of Huntington; a sister, Mary Lou Powell of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Dr. James Schlosser of Crawfordsville and Ned Schlosser of Auburn; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church, Huntington, with the Rev. David Arnold officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery at Huntington.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington.

Memorials are to the Moffitt Cancer Research Center, Tampa, Fla.

William Rhoads

PLEASANT LAKE — William L. Rhoads, 79, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rhoads was born Oct. 21, 1925, in Wabash to Samuel and June (Hodson) Rhoads. He married Nellie Powell on Feb. 14, 1958, and she preceded him in death on May 25, 1984.

He was veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. His hobbies were fishing and bird watching.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, June and Tim Concus of Pleasant Lake and Geraldine and Margaret Rhoads; four sons and a daughter-in-law, David Rhoads of Garrett, Harold and Sharon Payton of Columbia City and Edward and James Rhoads; a sister, Edna Twigs of Wabash; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery, with military committal services conducted by members of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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DAVE KURTZ

Firefighters inspect a 1992 Pontiac Firebird that Darrin K. Webb of Butler was driving when he died in a head-on collision Wednesday on U.S. 6, three miles west of Waterloo.

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U.S. 6 crash kills Butler man

WATERLOO — A Butler man died in a head-on crash Wednesday at 3:31 p.m. on U.S. 6 near DeKalb C.R. 23.

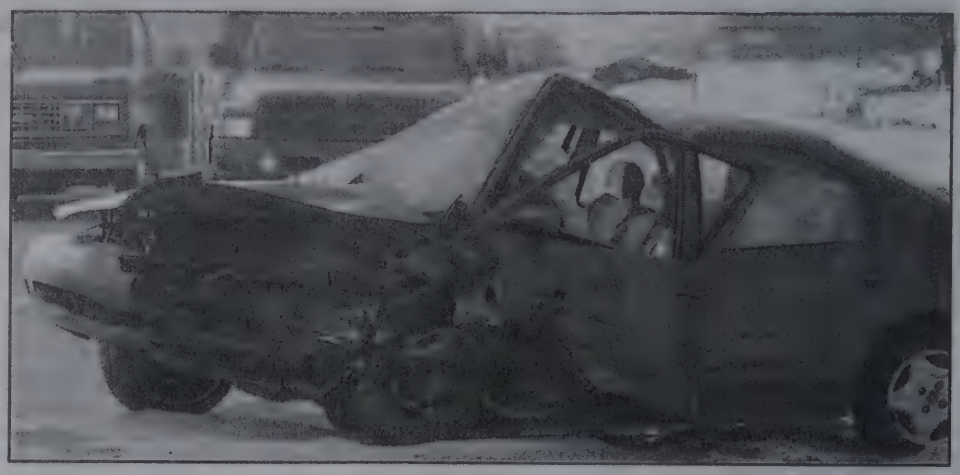
The collision killed Darrin K. Webb, 30, of the 6900 block of C.R. 24, according to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. A police report said he died from internal injuries.

A second driver survived the collision with bleeding from the mouth as his only apparent injury, police said.

Andrew D. Benson, 19, of the 100 block of West Maumee Street, Angola, told police he may have fallen asleep before the collision, the police report said.

Police said Benson was traveling westbound on U.S. 6 when his 1999 Ford Contour crossed the center line. It struck Webb's eastbound 1992 Pontiac Firebird about 50 yards west of the C.R. 23 intersection.

A police report said Webb tried to veer to the right to avoid a collision. After the impact, his car spun and went off the roadway into a ditch beside the parking lot for Squier Pallets Inc. on the southwest corner of the intersection.



DAVE KURTZ

Andrew D. Benson of Angola was driving this 1999 Ford Contour when he survived on head-on crash Wednesday on U.S. 6 in western DeKalb County.

Benson's can also spun and came to a stop on the north berm of U.S. 6.

Police cited Benson for allegedly driving left of center and operating a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility. The crash remains under investigation.

Both drivers were alone in their cars.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department received help at the crash scene from the Waterloo and Corunna fire departments, DeKalb Emergency Medical Service, Waterloo Police and Indiana State Police.

Karlton Milliner

FORT WAYNE — Karlton V. Milliner, 44, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005.

Surviving are his father, Von Milliner, and his father's wife, DeVon, of Auburn; his mother, Ruth Milliner of Roanoke, Va.; a stepmother, Sheila Merriman of St. Joe; a brother and sister-in-law, Eric and Isabel Milliner of Italy; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Jason Ayoub of Houston; a stepbrother, Bill Milliner of Garrett; and a stepsister, Elizabeth Sanders of Las Vegas, Nev.

There will be no services or calling.

Siler Funeral Service, 8632 Decatur Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Donald Hartman

GARRETT — Donald J. Hartman, 87, of Garrett, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a metal pattern maker at Foley Pattern Co. in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1982.

Born in Fort Wayne, he graduated from St. Mary's High School in Fort Wayne and served with the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II.

He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Surviving are a son, Donald "Roy" Hartman of Decatur; a daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Carve Costin of Indianapolis; a sister, Joan Elward of Florida; and a grandson, Dean Costin of Indianapolis.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Margaret E. (Meek) Hartman; his parents, Andrew J. and Edith (Aver) Hartman; and a sister, Ruth Bendik.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Garrett, with military honors by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling is Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Association of Retarded Citizens or the American Heart Association.

Harold Casebere

BUTLER — Harold R. Casebere, 90, of Butler died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Casebere

Mr. Casebere was a farmer. He was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, a 56-year member of Forrest Lodge 239 and a member of the 32nd Degree York Rite.

He was born May 31, 1914, in Stafford Township to Homer L. and Princess C. (Thomas) Casebere. They preceded him in death.

He married his wife of 69 years, Gertrude E. Varner, on Aug. 15, 1935, in Troy Township. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Carl and Donna Casebere of Butler, H. Emerson and Margaret Casebere of Auburn and Clifford and Julie Casebere of Waterloo; a daughter, Helen Casebere of Butler; a sister, Rachel Imhoff of Auburn; seven grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Maurice and Stanley Sol Casebere; an infant daughter, Susan Diane Casebere; and a sister, Mable Myers.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Rolla Stores

AUBURN — Rolla E. Stores, 79, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Paulding, Ohio, Mr. Stores worked for Schamban W. Seals Division for 25 years, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1951 to 1953 in Korea and Japan.

He was a member of American Legion Post 330 in New Haven, Indian Village Church of God in Auburn, and Local 304 WAW-CIO Allied Industries. He graduated from Latty High School in Broughton, Ohio, in 1949.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma D. Stores of Auburn; two sons, Rex and Keith Stores, both of Fort Wayne; a stepson and his wife, Steve and Royette Wilder of Auburn; three stepdaughters and spouses, Lola Fairchild of Auburn, Donna and Vic Phares of Hudson and Roberta and Jim Willits of LaGrange; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, in 1985, and his parents, Rolla J. and Laura H. (Coleman) Stores.

Calling will be Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Paulding, Ohio.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the League for the Blind.

Robert Parsell

MARTINSVILLE — Robert Warren Parsell, 68, of Martinsville died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove.

Mr. Parsell owned and operated a rural milk-hauling business serving the County Line Cheese Co. of Auburn for several years. He also worked for International Harvester.

He was born Feb. 26, 1936, in Steuben County to Glenn and Princess (Kline) Parsell. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen (Schmidt) Parsell of Martinsville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Linda Parsell of Waterloo and Rob and Carol Parsell of Garrett; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Christine and Rick Andis of French Lick, Cynthia Johnson of Martinsville and Lisa and Mark Banta of Martinsville; four sisters, Glenda McClellan of Ashley, Marilyn McClellan of Hudson, Kathy Cretsinger of Golden Lake and Karen Mills of Pleasant Lake; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and John Parsell.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jim Charles officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery. Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

MORE OBITUARIES *are on the back page of this section.*

Doris Stahly

CROMWELL — Doris E. Stahly, 85, of Cromwell died at 6:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Stahly was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a homemaker and had worked at the former Wirk Garment Co.

Mrs. Stahly was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She had been active in the church's Women's Association and the Lady Elks. She enjoyed playing bridge and wintering in Florida.

For the past several years, the highlight of her week had been spending Friday nights with her sons.

Mrs. Stahly was born May 5, 1919, in Noble County to Walter W. and Laura Alice (Miller) Knepper. On July 27, 1940, in Wawaka, she married Fred Stahly. He died in 1990.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Karen Stahly of Cromwell, Richard and Ellen Stahly of Auburn and Randy and Linda Stahly of Marion; a sister, Thelma Black of Wilmot; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Knepper, and an infant.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Stan Wilson officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Darrin Webb

BUTLER — Darrin K. Webb, 30, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, of injuries sustained in a car accident at the intersection of U.S. 6 and C.R. 23, near Waterloo.

Mr. Webb

Mr. Webb worked at Hendrickson Tandem Plant 3 in Kendallville. He was a member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born Dec. 17, 1974, in Auburn to Jerry and Trudy (Frain) Webb of Butler. They survive.

Also surviving are a son, Austin Tyler Webb, at home; a brother, Grant Webb of Butler; his grandparents, John and Freida Frain of Auburn, Wendall and Laura Webb of Butler and Ruth and Russell Obendorf of Butler; and his companion, Michelle Schieselbein.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. John Kinsey officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. An Eagles service will take place Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a trust fund for Austin Tyler Webb, in care of the Fort Financial Credit Union, Auburn.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about memorials.*

Karlton Milliner

FORT WAYNE — Karlton V. Milliner, 44, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005.

Surviving are his father, Von Milliner, and his father's wife, DeVon, of Auburn; his mother, Ruth Milliner of Roanoke, Va.; a stepmother, Sheila Merriman of St. Joe; a brother and sister-in-law, Eric and Isabel Milliner of Italy; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Jason Ayoub of Houston; a stepbrother, Bill Milliner of Garrett; and a stepsister, Elizabeth Sanders of Las Vegas, Nev.

There will be no services or calling.

Siler Funeral Service, 8632 Decatur Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital Cardiac Care.

Carl Friend

CORUNNA — Carl E. Friend, 89, of Corunna died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Friend worked for the General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 1978.

He was born June 20, 1915, in Corunna to Milo and Rose (Schurr) Friend.

He married Doris Hoffmeyer in 1941. She died in 1992.

Surviving are a son, Steven A. Friend of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ethel Hills of Portage, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Sarah and Katie Friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ruth Hohman.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Ronald Williams

FORT WAYNE — Ronald P. Williams, 73, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at 4:10 a.m. at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Williams was a Purdue University graduate and worked as an electronics technician at Farnsworth Electronics, now ITT. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1950-1954, and a member of the Good Shepherd Fellowship church in Garrett.

Mr. Williams

He was born Dec. 5, 1931, in Garrett to Raymond P. and Blanche (Andrews) Williams. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Renee Hein of Fort Wayne and Karen and Kevin Keifrider of Douglasville, Pa.; a brother, the Rev. Larry Williams of Southaven, Miss.; five grandchildren, Megan, Breanne and Matthew Hein of Fort Wayne and Stephanie and Emily Keifrider of Douglasville; a stepgrand-daughter, Jessica Keifrider; three nieces, Jenny Timberlin and Brandee High, both of Auburn, and Stephanie Williams of Fort Wayne; and a nephew, Brett Williams of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to list an additional surviving relative.*

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He was born June 20, 1915, in Corunna to Milo and Rose (Schurr) Friend.

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Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven A. and Kristine L. Friend of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ethel Hills of Portage, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Sarah and Katie Friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ruth Hohman.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

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Jeweler left his mark

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — An apt description of well-known Kendallville jeweler Guy Swartzlander was that he was "a Christian gentleman," according to his pastor, the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett of Trinity Church United Methodist.

"He was scrupulous to a fault with people and very given to detail," Hogsett noted.

Mr. Swartzlander died Jan. 26 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Swartzlander's son, Jim, retold a story shared at his father's funeral about how his dad came home from work one day unusually quiet.

"Dad didn't usually bring problems home with him," he explained. "He worked six days a week, and until 9 on Friday night, but his family was the most important thing in his life."

Jim said he pestered his dad, who finally lamented the fact hat a company that did a lot of vork for Swartzlander Jewelry ıad told him that it no longer vanted his business. It seems Ar. Swartzlander had sent a umber of stones to be ıounted in a special mother's ng.

"Dad had evaluated the ones and he had a way of marking them, so that he knew they were what he sent," his son said. When the ring came back, "It was beautiful, but when dad examined it, one of the stones didn't have his mark."

Mr. Swartzlander had called the company, and was told that a ruby had been damaged and replaced with a stone of like value.

"Dad knew the customer would be upset, and the company suggested he not tell her of the replacement, but of course, he did," Jim Swartzlander said.

Naturally, the woman was unhappy, but Mr. Swartzlander was just being honest about it, his son said. Then the company called to tell Mr. Swartzlander that it no longer wanted his business.

"They told him he was too picky," Jim Swartzlander said, "so he was feeling bad, and felt like he had lost on both ends.

"He very much cared about what people thought, and for that reason, when the store was closed and the stock liquidated, he insisted that prices not be marked up before being discounted.

"That sale started marked down from original prices," Jim Swartzlander said.

Hogsett noted that Mr. Swartzlander had been active in his church for 73 years, and was very interested in the history of the church.

"He was chairman of the archive committee, and so very much concerned that our records were in order. He used the same care and diligence with the Gene Stratton Porter Historical Society and the building of a visitors center there," Hogsett said.

"They only had a certain amount of money, and he had to be sure they didn't waste any of it," he explained.

Kendallville attorney John C. Thrapp recalled Mr. Swartzlander's years on the board of First Federal Savings and Loan Co., now Peoples Federal Savings Bank. He joined the board in 1964, and later became president and then chairman of the board.

"He was progressive and forward-looking, always looking for ways to benefit not only the company, but Kendallville," Thrapp said. "He wanted to grow, but to grow slow.

"I personally worked closely with him, and I admired his outlook on life, and his interest in a lot of different things," Thrapp noted.

High on his list of interests were people, with whom he loved to sit and talk, his friends and family said.

"He would have to talk to everyone in the restaurant who he knew," Jim Swartzlander recalled of family meals out. "We would just want to leave, but dad had to say hello to everyone he knew!"

All of his children recalled his love and devotion. Jim Swartzlander and his sister, Barbara, recalled wonderful camping trips, and appreciated how supportive their father was of their endeavors — Jim in music and Barbara in her love for horses.

Mr. Swartzlander's wife, Martha, recalled that while Guy loved designing and making jewelry, he longed to be a salesman. He got that opportunity after closing the family store in 1991 and working for the A.R. Jester Co. of Cincinnati, specializing in Black Hills gold.

Mrs. Swartzlander said her husband became interested in Gene Stratton Porter when they began to date in 1985. She worked at the Rome City state historical site when he asked her for a date.

That first date involved dinner and a movie, Mrs. Swartzlander said, and on the way home, she said Guy told her he had to stop by his house for a minute.

"He came out with a dozen red roses and gave them to me," she said. "I still have some of the petals."

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Guy Swartzlander posed in his newly remodeled jewelry store in 1967. Swartzlander Jewelry also sold cameras – an idea

Mr. Swartzlander got during World War II while in Europe, where he shot a lot of photographs.

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Knechts 'danced a beautiful ballroom dance' for 55 years

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Rhonda Banta, the third of the four daughters raised by Ina and Richard Knecht, said she would liken her parents' 55-year marriage to the ballroom dancing they loved.

"We told him, 'You danced a beautiful ballroom dance with this woman for 55 years.' We are so blessed that this woman was our mom, and so proud that our dad is getting along now that she's gone. It's hard for him to dance alone now."

Ina Knecht passed away peacefully at her home on Jan. 22 after fighting a battle with cancer.

"She was the most wonderful, loving, loving, caring woman anyone could know," said Richard, his voice catching. "I'll tell you, I had a lot of competition, because everyone who met Ina fell in love with her. But the nice thing was, she loved me."

Richard and Ina were high school classmates in Montpelier, Ohio, in the 1940s.

"We were the best of friends. We never had one date all through high school," Richard said with a smile in his voice. "After school, I joined the service and was away for two years. I came back and found her. I just thank God I found this wonderful woman. We were together for 55 years, and I'll tell you, I can't remember one bad day."

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Ina and Richard Knecht were high school classmates in the 1940s. The couple married in 1949, raised four daughters and became the grandparents of six and the great-grandparents of two before Ina passed away Jan. 22.

The couple raised four daughters in their home on Randolph Street, which is where they have lived since 1959. Richard said the mailman has been busy bringing cards and letters since Ina's passing.

"If you could only read all these sympathy cards and letters," he said. "They read like a broken record, all talking about how sweet and loving Ina was. The letter carrier said he doesn't know when he's delivered so many cards."

Rhonda said her mother's zest for life was infectious.

"She didn't just tie your shoes when you were a little girl, she loved to tie your shoes," she said tearing up a little. "She didn't just press your hair ribbons, she loved to press your hair ribbons. She didn't just like to go visit her friends, she loved it. She didn't just like to set a beautiful table for her family, she loved it. And these were not things she did for any attention. It was just how she felt; it was just what poured out of her."

Rhonda said if she had to describe her mother in a couple of words, they would be "quietly magical."

"She was like a little pebble in a pond," she said. "The magic just rippled out from her."

Ina's own mother died when she was only 8 years old, and Rhonda said it was that devastating loss that made Ina determined to be the best mother she could be to her four girls.

"She said, 'I'll tell you, sweetie, when you don't have a mom, you dream about what having one would be like,'" Rhonda said. "She told me she always wanted a mom, and being our mom was making her dream of what having a mom would be like come true."

Ina fell ill with ovarian cancer a couple of years ago, and had surgery in 2003. Since that time, she'd been in and out of chemotherapy treatments, and toward the end of her life, she had home health care workers coming to help look after her.

Ina was a civic-minded woman. She was a member and past president of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority of Angola, and volunteered for the Red Cross and Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

"She was also very active in our church (Calvary Lutheran in Angola)," Richard said. "We went there for almost 50 years. She was active in the woman's group there. She was one of the founders of the Christmas program we have there the first Sunday in December, Christmas at Calvary. That's been going on for 14 years. This past year, they were kind enough to dedicate the program to her. She was ill and couldn't make it."

Ill though she was, Ina never lost that sweetness that made all who knew her love her.

"When she was in the hospital, Dr. Larry Watkins was making his rounds. He came and sat on the edge of her bed, and said, 'Ina, you're the most amazing lady I've ever known. As sick as you are, you're still the same. You're never cranky.' I just thought that was a wonderful tribute to a wonderful lady."

Rhonda said she will always carry her mother's simple advice for a happy life close to her heart.

"My mom told me the secret to living a happy life is to say your prayers every day, count your blessings, and always find something to be grateful for."

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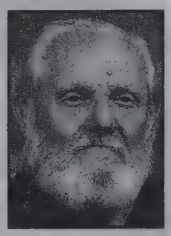
Robert Maze

GARRETT — Robert William Maze, 77, of Garrett died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at 6:10 a.m. in Hickory Creek at Kendallville Nursing Home.


Mr. Maze

Mr. Maze was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and lived in Garrett for the past 18 years. He owned Robert Maze Construction for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

Born March 11, 1927, in Anderson, he was the son of Harry and Nell (Stricker) Maze. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are three nieces, Judy Miller of Garrett, Patricia Warren of Florida and Joann Triplett of Tennessee; three nephews, Phillip Bowser of North Carolina, Richard Bowser of Garrett and Roger Bowser of Florida; 15 great-nieces and nephews, and several great-great nieces and nephews.

A brother, Ned Maze, and a sister, Roberta Bowser, preceded him in death.

Services will be Friday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A private family burial service will take place in Anderson.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ruth Fisher

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth A. Fisher, 92, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fisher

Mrs. Fisher was born in Baptistown, N.J., on Feb. 9, 1912.

She had been a resident at the Chandler House in Kendallville until recently, when she had been moved to Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Gary and Judy Fisher of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Art Garling of Chicago; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Harold Fisher, in 1993; and a son, John Fisher.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Auburn Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Mary Conner

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Mary Garnet Conner, 77, of Hicksville died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Conner had been the manager of Thrifty Discount Store in Hicksville, retiring in 1981. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville and a 1945 graduate of Woodburn High School.

She was born Sept. 26, 1927, in Woodburn to Elmer and Edith (Hanna) Lowden.

Her husband, Bennett G. Conner, preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving are four sons, Bill Seitz and Les Seitz, both of Hicksville, Bentley Conner of Hicksville and Jeff Conner of Auburn; a daughter, Jenny Burke of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Jerry Conner of Londonderry, N.H., a stepdaughter, Diane Meyer of Bowling Green, Ohio; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Les, Nolan and Mervil; and a sister, Josephine.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. The Rev. Tom Graves of Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hicksville Senior Center or the Crippled Children and Adult Society.

Goldie Quinn

ANGOLA — Goldie E. Quinn, 89, of Angola died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Quinn was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 5, 1916, in Versailles, Ky., to Henry and Frona (Adams) Lewis.

She married Franklin G. Quinn on Dec. 26, 1937, in Versailles. He died Feb. 20, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Cyndi Quinn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Vickie Lewis of Fremont; a sister, Mabel Worman of Garrett; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, DeKalb Superior Court Judge Charles Quinn.

Private family services will be Thursday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Ronald Verlee officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society, Heartland Health Care and Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Patricia Dixon

BRIMFIELD — Patricia Ann Dixon, 62, of Brimfield died at 1:44 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dixon

Mrs. Dixon was a homemaker and lifetime Noble County resident.

She enjoyed crocheting, reading and spending time with her dogs.

Mrs. Dixon was born Jan. 12, 1943, in Kendallville to Kenneth and Anna (Hofferman) Hisey. On Oct. 2, 1965, in LaGrange, she married Steve Dixon. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Rory Robbins of Brimfield and John Dixon and his fiancee, Jenell Sprunger, of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Donald and Wanita Hisey of Auburn, Terry and Brenda Hisey of Fort Wayne and Jim Hisey of Brimfield; and a sister, Mary Jane Clouse of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Beverly Corder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Elder Russell Hicks, and Larry Dixon and Glen Dixon officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Zmyslony

GARRETT — Robert J. Zmyslony, 84, of Garrett died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at 7:50 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Zmyslony was an engineer on the B&O Railroad for 36 years before retiring in 1980. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Garrett Eagles, Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Oct. 2, 1920, in Garrett to John and Leona (Neubauer) Zmyslony. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty B. Rahrig on June 14, 1947, in Garrett. She died May 1, 1999.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert J. Zmyslony II and Myrna Zmyslony of Garrett; a grandson and his wife, Dominick and Wendy Zmyslony of Staten Island, N.Y.; a granddaughter and her husband, Nicole and Kenneth Stalter of Garrett; a great-granddaughter, Angelina Zmyslony of Staten Island; a sister and brother-in-law, Wanda and Richard Pedersen of Fort Wayne; three nieces; and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Zmyslony.

A memorial Mass will take place at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ruth Donley

AVILLA — Ruth M. Donley, 87, of Avilla died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at her residence at Provena Sacred Heart Home, where she had resided since 1997.

Mrs. Donley

Mrs. Donley had been employed at Fisher Pharmacy in Kendallville for more than 20 years. She was retired.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and the former Delphian Club.

Mrs. Donley was born March 30, 1917, in Ari to George Glenn and Wava Susan (Shultz) Zinn. On Sept. 30, 1937, in Auburn, she married Ralph E. Donley. He died May 16, 1965.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and John Heyman of Albion, Jean and Roger Clark of Leo, Linda and Ernie Waldron of Sturgis, Mich., and Dawn and Mark Metz of LaGrange; three sisters, Eileen Miller of Butler, and Beverly Riccius and Thelma Zinn, both of Checotah, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Alvin Donley; a brother, Mike Zinn; and a sister, Gladys King.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Drucilla Combs

BUTLER — Drucilla K. "Dru" Combs, 55, of rural Butler died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Combs worked as a group leader at Magnavox Corp. for 13 years. She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake. She belonged to the 19th Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. A, 30th Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. F, 32nd Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. B and 50th Virginia Civil War Re-enactment Co.

She was born Jan. 14, 1950, in Auburn to Robert P. and Ida O. (Estis) DeMint. Her father survives in Butler and her mother preceded her in death.

She married Claude L. Combs Sr. on Jan. 14, 1967, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Claude L. Combs Jr. and Melody Combs of Garrett, and Xavier K. Lane, Zachary M. Lane and Yorick L. Lane, all of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Drucilla "Jeanie" and Jeff Kunce of Auburn; two brothers, Harold Wayne DeMint of California and Robert E. "Bobby" DeMint of Auburn; and three grandchildren, M.E. Kunce, Rudy J. Combs and Brad S. Kunce.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Rick Davis will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Lane Children Trust Fund.

Preston Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Preston Slone, 87, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Slone had been a coal miner in Kentucky for more than 25 years before moving to Kendallville in 1954. He was then employed for more than 20 years at Warner Gear in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Slone was a member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was born Sept. 24, 1917, in Wayland, Ky., to Ike and Lorraine Slone. He married Mavis Sloan on Aug. 25, 1948, in Hindman, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Dennis Riley and Carol Slone, all of Kendallville; a sister, Phyllis Hatfield of Ohio; and two grandsons, Nathan and Kevin Riley of Kendallville.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Elder Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Val Miller Jr.

AUBURN — Val J. Miller Jr., 53, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a plant operator with the City of Auburn water department and a member of Indian Village Church of God. He loved sports, golf, hunting and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was born Aug. 18, 1951, in Garrett and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1969.

He married his wife, Dianne Miller, on Oct. 24, 1970, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeremy and Dawn Miller of Garrett and Matthew Miller of Auburn; four grandchildren, Chelsea, Adrianne, Courtnie and Baylen Miller; his mother, Cora Beth Martz of Hadley, Pa.; his father, Val J. Miller Sr. of Sandy Lake, Pa.; two sisters, Barbara Miller-Smith of California and MeriBeth Miller of Auburn; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Carolyn Miller of Illinois, and David and Debbie Miller of Indiana.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, at the corner of Erie Pass and Superior Drive in Auburn, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Additional calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Kendallville historian Russell Frehse, 95, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Russell F. Frehse, 95, of Kendallville, a well-known local historian and 2003 Kendallville Citizen of the Year, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Frehse

Mr. Frehse was born in Dubois County near Huntingburg on Nov. 9. 1909, to Wesley and Amelia Frehse. He came to Kendallville at age 10 and attended the one-room Roberts School House east of Kendallville as a boy, and later the old Riley School on Riley Street. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1928, and in 1936, earned his bachelor of science degree from the Indiana University School of Commerce.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1945 in World War II. He was a staff sergeant with the 353rd Bomb Squad.

For 33 years, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the sales department as a buyer of rights of way. He worked in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Mich., Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Ohio, Roanoke, Va., and Charleston, W.Va., before retiring in 1970.

He was a member of the Noble County Historical Society, and a past board member of the Kendallville Public Library. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce in 2003.

He was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Kendallville.

There are no survivors.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Irene McClement

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Frances McClement, 79, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. McClermont

Mrs. McClement was born in Chicago on Jan. 1, 1926, to John and Mildred (Patterson) Pusateri. She married Charles James "Chuck" McClement on June 28, 1947, in Chicago, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 1996, in Fort Myers, Fla.

She was employed as a dispatcher with the Kendallville Police Department in the 1960s and 1970s. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, Post No. 551 in Fort Myers, and was a past member of the Elks Lodge Auxiliary in Garrett and the American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 381 in Rome City. She also volunteered her time every day at the Early Adventures Childcare.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Roxanna McClement of Rome City; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Gary Fisher of Kendallville, Kim and Mark Leitner of Avilla and Laura and Dave Tarman of New Paris; 15 grandchildren and spouses, Erin McClement, Misty and Matt Coplin, Stacey Hall, Andrea Hall, Amy Hall, Angela and Billy Stevenson, Steven Pyle, Aaron Fisher, Christi Fisher, Amanda Leiter, Calvin and Hillary Leiter, Crystal and William Warner, Todd Burton, Sarah Tarman and David Ian Tarman; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher Tarman, on Feb. 20, 2003.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Bob Shriner officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Early Adventures Child Care.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about relatives.*

Drucilla Combs

BUTLER — Drucilla K. "Dru" Combs, 55, of rural Butler died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Combs worked as a group leader at Magnavox Corp. for 13 years. She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake. She belonged to the 19th Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. A, 30th Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. F, 32nd Indiana Civil War Re-enactment Co. B and 50th Virginia Civil War Re-enactment Co.

She was born Jan. 14, 1950, in Auburn to Robert P. and Ida O. (Estis) DeMint. Her father survives in Butler and her mother preceded her in death.

She married Claude L. Combs Sr. on Jan. 14, 1967, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Claude L. Combs Jr. and Melody Combs of Garrett, and Xavier K. Lane, Zachary M. Lane and Yorick L. Lane, all of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Drucilla "Jeanie" and Jeff Kunce of Auburn; two brothers, Harold Wayne DeMint of California and Robert E. "Bobby" DeMint of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Ashley M.E. Kunce, Rudy J. Combs and Brad S. Kunce.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina M. Lane.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Rick Davis will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Lane Children Trust Fund.

Paul Schurr

HUDSON — Paul Schurr, 90, of Hudson died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at 9:49 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Schurr was a resident of Hudson for 60 years. He and his wife, Ruby, owned and operated the Schurr Strike Bait Co. in Helmer, now known as The Angler.

He was born April 21, 1914, in Garrett to John George Schurr and Alda Schurr. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruby Tuttle on Feb. 6, 1937, in Auburn. She died Oct. 12, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Judith Schurr of Hudson; a grandson and his wife, Kelly and Marlene Schurr of Coldwater, Mich.; and a stepgreat-grandson, Preston Berry of Coldwater.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Bill Lepley of Grabill Missionary Church officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Violet Surfus

AUBURN — Violet Irene Surfus, 88, of Auburn died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at her daughter's home in Auburn.

Mrs. Surfus was a homemaker. She attended the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Surfus

She was born Aug. 15, 1916, in Spencerville to Charles F. and Edna V. (Johnson) Haifley. They preceded her in death.

She married G. Robert Surfus on April 9, 1941. He died May 25, 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Kathy Surfus of Naples, Fla., and Robert and Brenda Surfus of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Steve Davis of Rogers, Ark., and Dana and Jerry Akey of Auburn; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jamie Akey, and a sister, Helen Beck.

Services will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Donavan Coley officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Gertrude Murfield

FORT WAYNE — Gertrude "Trudie" Murfield, 81, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Murfield was born in Fort Wayne, and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and Rosary Sodality and the Bowser Women's Club.

Surviving are a son, Tom Murfield of Auburn; two daughters, Sharon Murfield of Fort Wayne and Kathryn Murfield of Noblesville; a grandson, Andy Murfield of Auburn; three granddaughters, Katy Murfield of Auburn and Olivia and Lauren Murfield, both of Noblesville; and a brother, Paul Martin of New London, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford, in 1993; and a son, James Murfield, in 1994.

Services will be at noon Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, Fort Wayne, with vigil at 4:30 p.m., and also one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the St. Jude Scholarship Fund.

Jesse Glenn

WATERLOO — Jesse K. Glenn, 72, of Waterloo died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Glenn worked for Mills Homes in Butler until his retirement in 1983.

He was born Sept. 8, 1933, in McKee, Ky., to Frank and Florie (Roland) Glenn. His parents preceded him in death.

He married his wife of 53 years, Rene Glenn, on April 9, 1951, in Richmond, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Kathy Glenn of Butler and Jesse and Tammy Glenn of Hamilton; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dianne and Dennis Ellert of Waterloo, Kathy and Mike Crowl of Waterloo and Robin Glenn of Grabill; two sisters, Effie Walls of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Marie Disher of Peebles, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael Anthony Glenn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Don Harris officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Brice Held

ALBION — Brice Held, 3 days old, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Brice was born Feb. 5, 2005, in Kendallville to Danna Held of Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Justen Thomas "JT" Bowman, at home; maternal great-grandmothers Linda Bowman of Albion and Dorothy Conley of LaOtto; maternal grandmother Barbara Bowman of LaOtto; and maternal grandfather Kent Bowman of Garrett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

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Faith, love for family directed Mr. Schmidt's life

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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WEST OTTER LAKE — Doyle Schmidt's wife said if people remembered one thing about her husband, she would like it to be that he was a man of family and faith.

Mr. Schmidt passed away Feb. 3 after a long battle with heart disease and diabetes. He was 82.

Mr. Schmidt met his high school sweetheart, Catherine Buss, while they were both students at Hudson School. Mr. Schmidt was an eighth-grader; Catherine a seventh-grader.

"He had just moved to the area," Catherine remembered. "We were neighbors. I always thought a lot of him and we were friends, but we didn't start dating until we were in high school."

The couple celebrated their 62nd anniversary this past Sept. 13.

"We were married 62 years, four months and 20 days," Catherine said.

Over those years, months, and days, the Schmidts became the parents of three children, the grandparents of 13 and the great-grandparents of 10.

"There are two more (great-grandchildren) on the way, too," Catherine said. "Our family keeps expanding."

Mr. Schmidt attended the Hudson United Brethren Church, where he was a very active and enthusiastic member.

"He was always ready to share his faith in God and his savior, the Lord Jesus Christ," Catherine said.

Catherine said her husband was hospitable, and that he loved to entertain.

"He loved people," she said. "He loved his church, and he loved his children and grandchildren."

The Schmidts didn't have friends and a social circle only in Hudson. After Mr. Schmidt's retirement in 1982, the couple spent their winters in Florida, where they also had a host of good friends, Catherine said.

"He enjoyed sports," she added. "Fishing, basketball, baseball, horseshoes ... you name it, he played it."

In an obituary Catherine wrote shortly after her husband's death, she said, "Doyle's family will remember him as a kind, loving husband, father and grandfather who never knew a stranger. We must not grieve today, for Grandpa Doyle has just gone home."

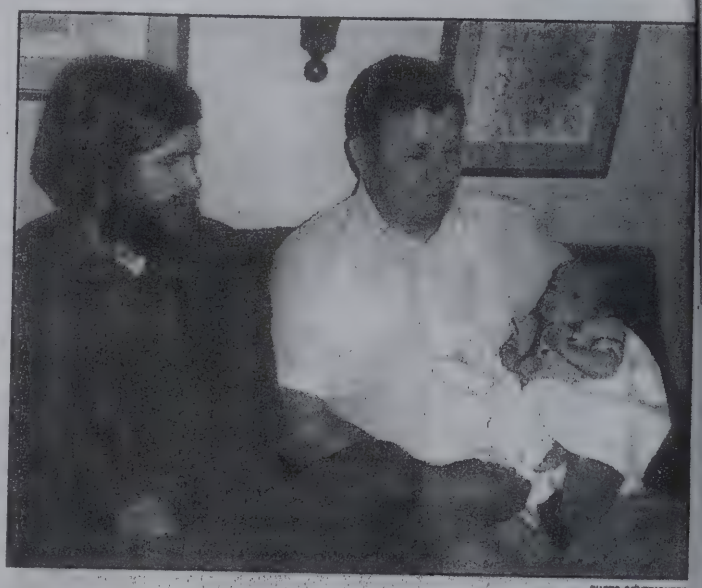

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jim Schmidt looks on as his father, Doyle, holds Jim's son, Brian, in this 1983 family photo. Doyle, who loved being a father and grandfather, passed away Feb. 3 after a lengthy battle with heart disease and diabetes.

Florose Koenig

AUBURN — Florose E. Koenig, 82, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Koenig worked in voter registration at the clerk's office in the Steuben County Courthouse for several years. She retired in 2002.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and the Republican Women's Club.

She was born Jan. 13, 1923, in Fort Wayne.

Her husband, Edward A. Koenig, preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1999.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, the Rev. Stephen Koenig and Patricia of Clinton, Miss., the Rev. Kevin Koenig and Elizabeth of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Mark and Sue Koenig of Auburn and Craig Koenig of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Mark Kern of Sulphur, La., and Kim and Rowland Perez of Auburn; her stepmother, Rudy Gantt of LaGrange; a sister, Sharon Swoveland of Celina, Ohio; a stepbrother, Bobby Hayward of Helmer; two half sisters, Shirley Garrison of Hudson and Patty White of Wolcottville; 17 grandchildren, Elizabeth "Beth" Zeller of Knoxville, Tenn., Jill Koenig of Jackson, Mich., Alexander Koenig of Austin, Texas, Josh Koenig of New York, N.Y., Jenny Koenig of Gainesville, Fla., Jonathan, Alex, Hilary, Paula and Aaron Kern of Sulphur, La., Justin Koenig of Kalamazoo, Mich., Brandon, Kayle and Seth Koenig of Auburn, Rachel (Perez) Seale of San Angelo, Texas, and Ashley and Maria Perez of Auburn; a stepgranddaughter and her husband, Carollyn and Oscar Jimenez of Defiance, Ohio, and four stepgreat-grandchildren, Zachary, Jacob, Nicholas and Caileigh of Defiance, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Florence (Ankrim) Gantt; a brother, Harold Burton Gant; a half brother, Billy Gantt; and a half sister, Linda Kay Gantt.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery near Fremont.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3 to 8 pm. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Jackson, Mich., and Grace Lutheran Church of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Russell Frehse

KENDALLVILLE — Russell F. Frehse, 95, of Kendallville, a well-known local historian and 2003 Kendallville Citizen of the Year, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Frehse

Mr. Frehse was born in Dubois County near Huntingburg on Nov. 9, 1909, to Wesley and Amelia Frehse. He came to Kendallville at age 10 and attended the one-room Roberts School House east of Kendallville as a boy, and later the old Riley School on Riley Street. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1928, and in 1936, earned his bachelor of science degree from the Indiana University School of Commerce.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1945 in World War II. He was a staff sergeant with the 353rd Bomb Squad.

For 33 years, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the sales department as a buyer of rights of way. He worked in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Mich., Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Ohio, Roanoke, Va., and Charleston, W.Va., before retiring in 1970.

He was a member of the Noble County Historical Society, and a past board member of the Kendallville Public Library. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce in 2003.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville.

There are no survivors.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jo Ellen Helms

STRYKER, Ohio — Jo Ellen "Jody" (Hartman) Helms, 57, of Stryker, Ohio, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio, where she had been a resident since Dec. 1, 2004.

Mrs. Helms was born June 8, 1947, in Auburn to Robert D. and Joyce M. (Allen) Hartman. She married Douglas A. Helms on Aug. 2, 1991, in Bryan, Ohio, and he survives.

She was an assembler for Quadco for many years.

Also surviving are her father and stepmother, Robert D. and Elaine L. (Lash) Hartman of Hamilton; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Jerry Crawford of Edon, Ohio; two brothers, Michael and Kenneth Hartman, both of Columbia, Ohio; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1948 and a brother, Robert D. Harman Jr. in 1974.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with the Rev. Nicholas Woodall officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Stryker Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurses and Hospice of Williams and Fulton Counties, Stryker United Brethren Church or the Park View Nursing Center Senior Prom Activity Fund.

Condolences can be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Frederick Stemen

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Frederick L. Stemen, 88, of Leo-Cedarville died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at The Cedars of Leo.

A Van Wert, Ohio, native, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born Aug. 5, 1916, to Taylor and Della Stemen.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lynn and Ed Miller of Spencerville, Dee and Dave Richart of Huntington, and Edna Kloehn of Buffalo, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Helen; a sister, Lucy Brandenburg; and a brother, Merl.

Services will be Thursday at noon in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan. Burial will be at Woodland Union Cemetery in Van Wert.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. until noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice.

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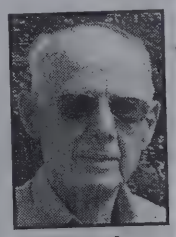
Paul Casebere

EDGERTON, Ohio — Paul L. Casebere, 89, of Edgerton died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at 3:10 a.m. in his home following an extended illness.


Mr. Casebere

He was co-owner of Casebere Motor Sales with his brother, Carolus. They operated the business from 1934 until Mr. Casebere's retirement in October 1986. In 1981, the brothers were named citizens of the year in Edgerton.

A 1934 graduate of Edgerton High School, he was a World War II veteran who served with the U.S. Navy. He worked for Elmer Brown at the Willys-Knight Overland dealership in Edgerton from 1928 to 1932.

Mr. Casebere was a longtime active member of the Edgerton Chamber of Commerce, the Edgerton Development Corp. and the Edgerton Board of Public Affairs. He served on the Edgerton Fire Department in the 1940s.

He was an avid horseman and was a member of the Central States Walking Horse Association.

He was a charter member and active volunteer with the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn and also was a charter member of the Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Mr. Casebere was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, where he served on the parish council; the Hicksville Bank Advisory Board; and the Empire Bankshares Board.

He was born Feb. 15, 1915, in St. Joe Township in Williams County to J. Stanley and Marguerite (Gebhard) Casebere.

He married Mary M. Pahl on Sept. 27, 1934, in Edgerton. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Michael Dockery of Edgerton and Mary Jane and Allen Hubbell of Hicksville, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Harriet Siebenaler of Edgerton.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Carolus, in 1997.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary Catholic Church or to Community Hospital and Wellness Center-Hospice Care.

Condolences may be posted at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Wallace Graham

ST. JOE — Wallace Paul Graham, 88, of St. Joe died Tuesday morning, Feb. 15, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Graham

Mr. Graham retired in 1981 as a supervisor for the DeKalb County Highway Department. He also was a dairy farmer.

He was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and Concord Masonic Lodge 556.

He was an avid softball player, playing for many teams such as Valspar Paint, sponsored by Wayne Hardware, the Millers the Miracles and Kids & Kubs.

Mı. Graham graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne and also attended Michigan Tech in Houghton, Mich.

He served in the 397th Bomb Group in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He was born Nov. 27, 1916, in Hinkley, Ill., to Wallace and Corneilia Graham. His parents preceded him in death.

On Nov. 12, 1938, in Butler, he married Donzella Shumaker. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are two sons, Wallace Graham of Fremont and James Graham of Auburn; two daughters, Carol Seiler and Jilaine Pace, both of St. Joe; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Annabelle Bender of Fruitland Park, Fla.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Janet Telschow, in 2002.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. A Masonic service will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home, followed by an Eastern Star service at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church and the Concord Masonic Lodge 556.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

W. Erwin Kilpatrick

DAYTON, Ohio — W. Erwin Kilpatrick, 74, of Dayton died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, in Punta Gorda, Fla.

He was a retired judge for Montgomery County and the city of Dayton.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Kilpatrick; two sons, Charles Kilpatrick of Huntsville, Ala., and John Kilpatrick of Columbus; two brothers, Howard Kilpatrick of Payne and John Kilpatrick of Spencerville, Ind.; two sisters, Donna Kuhn of Payne and Lois Northey of New Haven; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Payne. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 7 to 9 at the Slade-Den Herder Funeral Home in Payne.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Richard Cherry

AUBURN — Richard L. Cherry, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Cherry worked at Warner Gear for 32 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Garrett Church of Christ, the Auburn Moose Lodge and UAW Local 825.

He was born Feb. 9, 1914, in DeKalb County to Jason and Irene (Dragoo) Cherry. They preceded him in death.

He married his first wife, Virginia Moughler, in 1938 and she died in 1979.

He married Hilda Falwell in 1981 and she died in 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sonia and Devon Lyon of Auburn; a stepson, George R. Falwell of Syracuse, N.Y.; a stepdaughter, Lorraine Baumgarten of Cape Canaveral, Fla.; a sister, Hilda Frick of Auburn; a grandson, Jeffery Lyon; two great-grandchildren, Austin and Amber Lyon; five stepgrandchildren, Julie Weidner, Amy Githmark, Lisa Weaver, Tammy Magashamy and Michael Crompton; and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren, Olivia, Eliza and Griffen Weidner, Morgan and Will Githmark, Samantha Weaver, Britanny and Samantha Magashamy, and Eric, Chelsea and Shawn Crompton.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Thelma Schram, Francis McKee and Marjorie Fesler, and a granddaughter, Melanie Lyon.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Colleen Hartman

HELMER — Colleen Joy Hartman, 52, of Helmer died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Hartman

Mrs. Hartman was a native of Auburn and a 1970 graduate of DeKalb High School.

She was the manager of the bakery department at Scott's Foods in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hartman was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church and active with the United Methodist Women, Wayne Center Church Day Care and chairwoman of the Pastor Parish Committee.

She was born July 12, 1952, in Auburn to Lyle E. and Martha L. (Moughler) Baird. They survive in Auburn. On Sept. 23, 1972, in Corunna, she married Kenneth Hartman. He survives near Helmer.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jenny and Robert Huth of Waterloo; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Amy Hartman of Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cathy and Patrick Hampshire of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Judy and Paul Collins of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Wyatt Trystan and Lucas Bernard.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Wayne Center United Methodist Church, 1015 E. Schoolhouse Road, Kendallville, with the Rev. Gene Flickenger officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Noble House in Albion, Bashor Home for Abused Children in Goshen or Bethesda Home for Disabled Children in Appleton, Wis.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Goldie Knott

WATERLOO — Goldie I. Knott, 82, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Knott

Mrs. Knott owned and operated the Midway Inn Truck Stop in Waterloo from 1945 to 1952. She also worked in the Beauticia at Villa de Coiffure in Waterloo from 1963 until her retirement in 1973.

She was born Nov. 11, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Nicolas and Clara E. (Knepper) Kitchen. They preceded her in death.

She married Cleon B. Knott on Aug. 12, 1943, in Marion and he died Feb. 18, 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheryl and Jim Harvey of Fremont and Sharon and Dan King of Waterloo; a stepdaughter, Cleona May Savoy of Dundee, Fla.; a stepson, Cleon B. Knott Jr. of Dundee, Fla.; two sisters, Mabel Carpenter and Gladys Shaw, both of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Tammy, Kristin, Adrian, Shari, Tina, Debbie, Barb, Karen, Jim, Jean and Mike; and two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Nicolas.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Nicholos Kitchen, and three sisters, Elenor Fogelson, May Smith and Clarabelle Knellenger.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Grace Bender

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Grace Lucille (Surfus) Bender, 84, of Leo-Cedarville died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bender graduated from Huntertown High School and lived most of her life in Leo. She worked in the family business for many years.

She was a member of Cedar Creek Golf Club, Leo Lanes, American Legion Post 409 Auxiliary and the Leo Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir.

She played bridge, loved music, sports, entertaining and travel. She was a devoted and loving wife, a wonderful mother, grandparent and friend. She enjoyed her life to the fullest.

She was born in 1920 in Allen County to William J. and Rosalind Esther Surfus as the youngest of nine children.

Surviving are two daughters, Sally Zimny of Indianapolis and Jean Stelle of Fort Wayne; two grandsons and their wives, Ed and Jennifer Zimny of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Erik and Elizabeth Stelle of Bloomington; three great-grandchildren, Ava Zimny, and Connor and Lucy Stelle; and a sister, Dora Houser of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Levon "Benny" Bender, in 1998.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Additional calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1302 E. Dupont Road.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road Fort Wayne; Alzheimer's Research at Indiana University School of Medicine, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne; Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, Leo; or the American Legion Post 409 Auxiliary, S.R. 1, Leo.

Estel Sewell

HAMILTON — Estel G. Sewell, 83, of Hamilton died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Miss Sewell was born March 26, 1921, in Otsego Township, Steuben County, to Glenn and Vera (Burch) Sewell. She was an administrative and marketing secretary for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring in 1983.

She was a member of the Edon (Ohio) United Methodist Church and the G.E. Elex Club.

Surviving are cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in North Otsego Cemetery, Otsego Township, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Edon United Methodist Church, Hamilton Fire Department or DeKalb County Heimachcen.

Jack Jones

AUBURN — Jack Russell Jones, 52, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Jones

Born in Morenci, Mich., Mr. Jones was a marketing agent for Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Mail Boxes Etc., Discovery Zone, Blockbuster and Mastersports.

Family members said he liked to say, "I've had a good life, family, friends, been places I never thought I'd go. All in all I couldn't want more."

Survivors include his mother, Irene Jones of Auburn; a brother, John Jones of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Julie and Dave Lochner of Auburn; and nephews, Aaron and Andrew Lochner of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Barney Jones, in 1997.

Services will be conducted at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Lutheran Heart Center, DeKalb EMS or the Auburn police and fire departments.

Bessie Moore

KENDALLVILLE — Bessie Mae Moore, 58, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Moore

She was born Jan. 4, 1947, in Hindman in Knott County, Ky., to Andy and Alice (Hicks) Handshoe. She first married Ambrose "Jay" Slone. He died April 4, 1968. In 1970, she married Billy Moore.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy and Neva Slone and William and Beverly Slone, all of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Beech Stanley and Wilma and Morris Whitney, all of Kendallville; two stepsons, Denver Slone of Fort Wayne and Donald Gene Slone of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Kelly Handshoe of Wolcottville, Robert Lee Handshoe of Kendallville, Andy Handshoe of Corunna, Jr. Hicks of David, Ky., and Linza Bolen of Cynthianna, Ky.; six sisters, Ruth Lacy of Garrett, Versa Gyer of Angola, Dorothy Acker of Auburn, Effie Redus of New Albany, Nancy Collins of Wolcottville and Susie Gibson of Garrett, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ethel Slone; a stepson, Larry Ray Slone; two grandchildren, Neva Lou Slone and Tabitha Lynn Slone; and two brothers.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Kelly-Howard Cemetery in Floyd County, Ky.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day and evening Saturday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh. Services will be held at 6 p.m. each evening with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Tony Hopkins

AUBURN — Tony A. Hopkins, 54, of Auburn, died from a heart attack Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Hopkins was a custodian at DeKalb High School. He was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army and served 15 years in the military, serving in Germany, Korea, Vietnam and the Army Reserve before he was discharged in 1995.

Mr. Hopkins

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints and American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 20, 1950, in Sneedville, Tenn., to Morgan and Ruth (Collins) Hopkins. They preceded him in death.

He married Carol Cox on July 24, 1971, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Angel and Lawton Carter of Auburn; four brothers, Max Hopkins of St. Joe, Jimmy Hopkins of Butler, Mitchell Hopkins of Auburn and Raymond Hopkins of Butler; three granddaughters, Isabella Leigh McLean, Ocean Brook Hopkins and Summer Breeze Carter; and two sisters, Peggy Kuhn of Hamilton and Betty Parker of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tony A. Hopkins II; a sister, Pam; and three brothers, Taylor, Ronnie and Jeff.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Steve Ardhuerumly officiating. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery near Corunna. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to a college fund for Mr. Hopkins' granddaughters.

Richard Reuter

AUBURN — Richard K. Reuter, 94, of Auburn, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at his home on Touring Drive.

Mr. Reuter owned and operated Reuter's Restaurant in Auburn from 1954 to 1975. He managed the Starlite Motel in Auburn for several years and then worked as a security guard for the Dana and Warner Gear plants for several years, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Auburn Masonic Lodge and the Auburn Elks Lodge.

He was born Feb. 16, 1911, in Peru, Ind., to Oswald and Harriet Reuter.

He married Mary E. Shirley on Sept. 29, 1935, in Hicksville, Ohio. She died April 3, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Donna Reuter of Trinity, Fla., and Thomas and Julia Reuter of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Pamela A. Page of Auburn; six grandchildren, Cheri Wiegman, Lisa Murfitt, Sean Page, Kimberly Gauck, Nicholas Reuter and Derek Reuter; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jerry Page, and two brothers, Shirle and Russell.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

EVENING STAR
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Mr. Crankshaw was man of joy

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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LAKE JAMES — Robert Crankshaw was a simple man who enjoyed simple pleasures; yearly birthday pizza with his youngest grandson; any kind of cookies; and strawberry milkshakes from Steak N' Shake.

Mr. Crankshaw was a devoted family man, often planning trips for his wife, himself, his children and their spouses and children to take together.

"He was just a real family person," said Mr. Crankshaw's daughter-in-law, Susan, who is married to his son, Bob. "He planned a lot of trips for all of us. After Christmas, we'd go to Traverse City to go skiing."

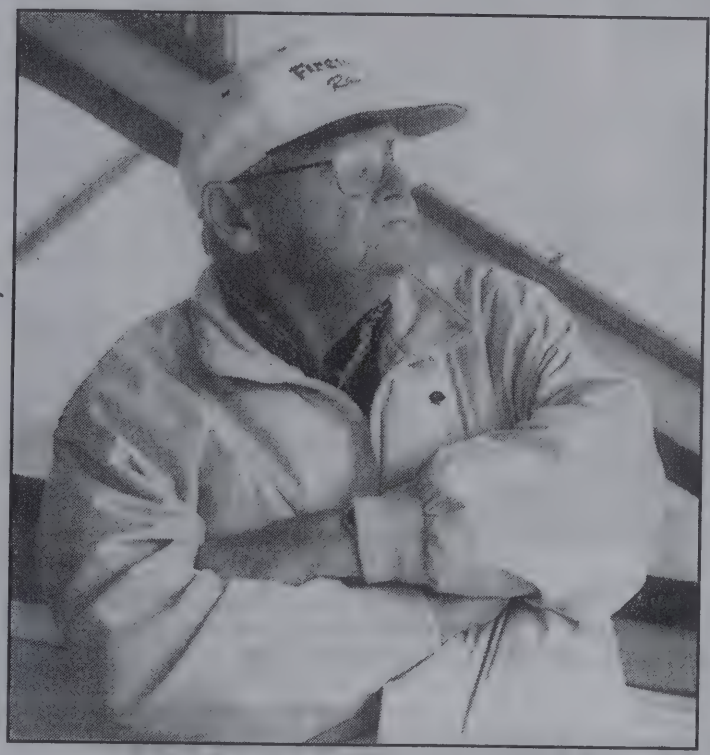
When Mr. Crankshaw and his wife, Jane (his college sweetheart) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary several years ago, Mr. Crankshaw opted to include the whole family in the celebration.

"He treated my sister (Ann Turner of Angola) and I and our spouses to a Caribbean cruise," Bob remembered.

Mr. Crankshaw did a lot of family research, and shared it with his family.

"He had a real sense of family history," Susan said.

Mr. Crankshaw had ties to the Cline family for which the county's local historical museum is named.



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Robert Crankshaw watches the water roll past as he stands on a boat during a family fishing trip in Florida.

That family expanded over the years to include four grandchildren, all of whom Mr. Crankshaw loved spending time with, Bob said.

Mr. Crankshaw was big on family traditions. When they were young, he and Jane began making chocolate souffles for birthdays (because they had a lot of eggs they had to get rid of for some reason, the story goes), and that tradition is carried on today for the Crankshaw children and grandchildren.

"That's something I think we'll always continue doing," Susan said.

Souffles weren't the only sweet thing Mr. Crankshaw enjoyed ... he pretty much liked any kind of baked good, Susan said.

"(Jane) would try to keep him away from sweets and watch what he ate, but he'd always find a way to get something," she said. "If he went into a grocery store, you could bet he'd come out with a package of Archway cookies."

Susan and Bob's son, Adam, shared a birthday with his grandfather. The two would always go to Pizza Hut together to celebrate, "and no one else was invited," Bob said with a smile.

"When he was real little, they'd go buy a toy after the pizza," Bob said. "When Adam got older, they just kept going."

Susan remembered her father-in-law as a man of humor who loved to laugh.

"You'd tell him something funny, and the way he laughed ... his whole body just got into it," she said.

One thing Susan and Bob both remembered was Mr. Crankshaw's insistence on punctuality.

"He always wanted to be early, and he was always in a rush," Susan said.

Bob agreed.

"If he was on time, then he was late," he said.

Mr. Crankshaw died on Feb. 6 at the age of 80. After a career in automotive sales, he retired to Lake James, his boyhood home, in 1985. In addition to his career, Mr. Crankshaw was active in Blackford County and served as the Republican chairman there for 17 years. He was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash award from Gov. Otis "Doc" Bowen.

Elizabeth Waldron

CORUNNA — Elizabeth Irene (Collins) Waldron, 72, formerly of Corunna, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Waldron was a homemaker and worked at Souder Hospital in Auburn.

Born March 21, 1932, in rural Waterloo, she lived all her life at Fairfield Center in rural Corunna until moving to Butler. She attended Fairfield School and was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

She married Robert "Mac" Waldron on April 17, 1950, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rosanna and Mitchell Crager of Butler and Theresa Waldron of Butler; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Karen Waldron of Hamilton; an adopted granddaughter and her husband, Carolyn and Ron Lien of Albion; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Nichole Waldron of Butler, Brian and Kathy Crager of St. Joe, Timothy and Jennifer Crager of Butler, Alicia and Tim Fetters of St. Joe., Michelle and Dana Gierhart of Auburn, Aaron Fike of Colorado, Jessica Fike of Butler, Matt and Cassie Peckhart of Butler, and Jennifer and Eric Rosswurm of Auburn; 17 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Arnold Berryhill of Kendallville, Dean Berryhill of Clarion, Pa., and Raymond Berryhill and Everett Berryhill, both of Corunna; three sisters, Naomi Cook of Auburn, Wanda Lorenz of Thermoplis, Wyo., and Marilyn Wielbaker of West Lafayette; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Collins and Irene Close Collins Berryhill; her stepfather, Russell Berryhill; an infant grandson and two great-grandsons.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice of the Cancer Association.

Elizabeth Herl

ANGOLA — Elizabeth L. Herl, 93, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Herl was a homemaker. She was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and served as the church organist and pianist for 45 years. Her hobbies included playing her music at home and sewing.

She was born May 10, 1911, in Upland to Lester C. and Jessie (Hesher) Wisner. Her parents preceded her in death.

On May 12, 1934, in Orland, she married Donald D. Herl. He preceded her in death on May 13, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Herl of Angola; a daughter, Roberta Hossler of Cadiz, Ohio; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Ann McIntosh of Waterloo; a brother, Robert Wisner of San Diego, Calif.; and a niece, Ann Garrett of Waterloo.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, 4710 W. Bachelor Road, Angola, with calling one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Duane Stidham will officiate.

Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, 200 W. Toledo, Fremont.

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Allena Perry

BERNE — Allena Michelle Perry, 17 days old, of Berne died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born Feb. 1, 2005, in Fort Wayne to Ricky and Erin M. (Smuts) Perry Jr. of Berne.

Surviving in addition to her parents are grandparents Ricky Perry Sr. of Berne, Lori Christal and her husband, Jeff, of Bluffton, and Randy and Jaretta Smuts of Geneva; great-grandparents Linda King of Berne, Dale and Kathy Smith of Montpelier, Danny and Connie Smuts of Geneva, Charles Daniels of Lima, Ohio and Jean Daniels of Garrett; and great-great-grandmothers Kathryn Black of Geneva and Pearl Daniels of Portland; an aunt, Justine Perry of Portland; and two uncles, Pastor Sean Smuts of New Corydon and Daniel Smuts of Geneva.

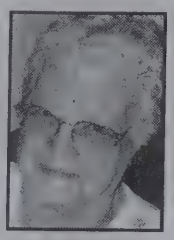
Services will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, with Pastor Sean Smuts officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Geneva.

Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Elizabeth Waldron

CORUNNA — Elizabeth Irene (Collins) Waldron, 72, formerly of Corunna, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.


Mrs. Waldron

Mrs. Waldron was a homemaker and worked at Souder Hospital in Auburn.

Born March 21, 1932, in rural Waterloo, she lived all her life at Fairfield Center in rural Corunna until moving to Butler. She attended Fairfield School and was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

She married Robert "Mac" Waldron on April 17, 1950, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rosanna and Mitchell Crager of Butler and Theresa Waldron of Butler; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Karen Waldron of Hamilton; an adopted granddaughter and her husband, Carolyn and Ron Lien of Albion; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Nichole Waldron of Butler, Brian and Kathy Crager of St. Joe, Timothy and Jennifer Crager of Butler, Alicia and Tim Fetters of St. Joe., Michelle and Dana Gierhart of Auburn, Aaron Fike of Colorado, Jessica Fike of Butler, Matt and Cassie Peckhart of Butler, and Jennifer and Eric Rosswurm of Auburn; 17 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Arnold Berryhill of Kendallville, Dean Berryhill of Clarion, Pa., and Raymond Berryhill and Everett Berryhill, both of Corunna; three sisters, Naomi Cook of Auburn, Wanda Lorenz of Thermoplis, Wyo., and Marilyn Wielbaker of West Lafayette; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Collins and Irene Close Collins Berryhill; her stepfather, Russell Berryhill; an infant grandson and two great-grandsons.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice or the Cancer Association.

Clair Slick

AUBURN — Clair E. Slick, 93, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Mr. Slick co-owned Auburn Automotive and Clutch for 42 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, the Knights of Columbus, Auburn Moose lodge and Auburn Elks lodge.

He was born Jan. 14, 1912, in Salem Center to Robert and Elsie (George) Slick.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred (Hess) Slick, and a sister, Lois Johnson.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Jane Slick of Toledo, Ohio; a sister, Dorotha Shawver of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Paul Blech

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Blech, 86, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Blech

Mr. Blech had worked for McCray Refrigeration for 25 years and then retired in 1981 from Kraft Foods in Kendallville after 22 years of service.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86, all in Kendallville.

Mr. Blech was an avid euchre player and enjoyed traveling and was a member of a travel club. He and his wife, Margaret, enjoyed traveling in their recreational vehicle and traveled to each state of the United States with their travel club.

He was a 1936 graduate of Ashley High School. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1941, serving with the 12th Tactical Division during World War II. He received an honorable discharge in 1946.

He was born Aug. 26, 1918, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Frank and Alma (Parr) Blech. On Jan. 20, 1946, in St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, he married Margaret Louise Kline. She died Aug. 9, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Dorothy Blech of Kendallville; a daughter, Karen Garza of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Dorothy Blech of Kendallville; a grandson, Neal Swagger of Kendallville; a granddaughter, April Etter of Auburn; five stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Sonja and Steven Connell of Pleasant Lake, Colleen and Jeff White of Fort Wayne, Jerry W. and Janet Carnahan of Pleasant Lake, Dane and Marnie Carnahan of Angola and Patrick Carnahan of Auburn; two great-grandchildren; 20 stepgreat-grandchildren; and seven stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin and Robert Blech.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Herl

ANGOLA — Elizabeth L. Herl, 93, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Herl was born May 10, 1911, in Upland to Lester C. and Jessie (Hesher) Wisner. She married Donald D. Herl on May 12, 1934, in Orland, and he preceded her in death on May 13, 1999.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, where she served as the church organist and pianist for 45 years. Her hobbies included playing music at home and sewing.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Herl of Angola; a daughter, Roberta Hossler of Cadiz, Ohio; a sister, Margaret Ann McIntosh of Waterloo; a brother, Robert Wisner of San Diego; a niece, Ann Garrett of Waterloo; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and also at the church one hour before services on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

Elizabeth Waldron

CORUNNA — Elizabeth Irene (Collins) Waldron, 72, formerly of Corunna, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Waldron

Mrs. Waldron was a homemaker and worked at Souder Hospital in Auburn.

Born March 21, 1932, in rural Waterloo, she lived all her life at Fairfield Center in rural Corunna until moving to Butler. She attended Fairfield School and was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Collins and Irene Close Collins Berryhill; her stepfather, Russell Berryhill; an infant grandson; and two great-grandsons.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice or the Cancer Association.

Ethel Webb

AUBURN — Ethel Webb, 86, of Auburn, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at 3:25 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Webb worked as a nurse for 50 years, serving in Auburn, Garrett and most recently at the state hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 4, 1918, in Auburn to Curtis and Ida (Smith) Dunn.

She married Ross Webb in Auburn. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Brad R. Webb of Auburn, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kim Webb.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, 2120 Autumn Lake Place, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Carl Gingrich

GARRETT — Carl E. "Kelly" Gingrich, 67, of Garrett died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at 1:40 p.m. at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gingrich was a conductor with the CSX Railroad for 29 years, retiring July 31, 1999.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born April 4, 1937, in Butler to Harold C. and Fern L. (Weldon) Gingrich. They preceded him in death.

He married his first wife, Sally Pence, on Nov. 22, 1978, in Garrett, and she died on Oct. 12, 2002.

He married his second wife, Bonnie Muncio, on Oct. 25, 2003, in Auburn and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Leslie Isbell of Indiana, Carla Shisler of Corunna and Kelly and Dave McClish of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Tracy Gingrich of Hawaii; six grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; one great-grandchild; and two half brothers, James Burns of Avilla and Michael Burns of Fort Wayne.

A brother, Fred Gingrich, preceded him in death.

There will be no funeral service. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School of Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

EVENING STAR
February 22 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Kenneth Miller

HUDSON — Kenneth L. Miller, 44, of Hudson died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at home.

Mr. Miller was born in Angola on July 5, 1960, to Russell and Sharon (Richards) Miller.

Surviving are his mother, Sharon Miller of Hudson; his father, Russell Miller of New Mexico; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan (Miller) and Michael Musser of Edon, Ohio; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Ed and Pam Miller and Troy and Susie Miller, all of Hudson, Michael "Mark" and Linda Miller of Garrett and Fred Miller of Orlando, Fla.

He was preceded in death by two nephews, David James McCosh and James "Jamie" McCosh; two uncles, Bob Richards and Bud Harter; and an aunt, Garnet Harter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Madgie Bolen

WATERLOO — Madgie Bolen, 81, of Waterloo and formerly of Knott County, Ky., died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 19, 1923, in Knott County, Ky., to John Terry and Mary Collins Terry.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Marlin and Martha Bolen of Leo and Lacy and Beverly Bolen of Salt Lick, Ky; three daughters and sons-in-law, Doris Ann and Roger Bailey, Dorlis Landers and Bob Woodward, and Ruby Kay and Ron Mullins; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Brady Bolen; two sons, Eddie and Larry; three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel in Hindman, Ky., with burial at Will Terry Cemetery of Hueysville, Ky.

Calling will be Friday after 5 p.m. at the chapel.

Joan Stewart

FORT WAYNE — Joan Nancy O'Connor Stewart, 85, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Australia, she was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son, Kevin Robert Stewart of Butler; three daughters Ann Denise Stewart of Indianapolis, Gillian "Jill" Elizabeth Stewart Emerson of Savannah, Tenn., and Susan Vera Stewart of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Denise O'Connor Howlett of Perth, Australia.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Robert, in 1998; and brothers, Kevin and John O'Connor.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road.

Calling will be from 7 to 9 tonight at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Fund.

EVENING STAR
February 25 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Harry Schulthess

MADISON, Wis. — Harry Schulthess, 89, of Madison and formerly of Garrett died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at St. Marys Care Center where he had been a patient the past year and a half.

Mr. Schulthess

Mr. Schulthess had retired in 1980 as vice president of Reitan Lerdahl Insurance Co. in Madison with 32 years of service.

He had coached basketball teams, was an avid trout fisherman and a bird hunter. He was a member of the Masons and the Elks. He was affiliated with the Zor Shrine where he was a member of the Camel Patrol and enjoyed giving rides to children on Sundays for 10 years. He also was a member of the Royal Order of Jesters and Veterans Patrol.

Mr. Schulthess was born Aug. 31, 1915, in Garrett to Henry and Maude (Brown) Schulthess. His parents died when he was young and he lived with a sister until she died four years later. He was a 1933 graduate of Garrett High School where he excelled in basketball and earned a scholarship to Ball State University and later to the University of Tennessee.

He was drafted in 1942 while living with a brother. He was assigned to the U.S. Armored Division at Fort Knox where he also played basketball. He attended Officers Candidate School and served in the Philippines for a brief period at the end of World War II. He retired as a first lieutenant.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Alice; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Mary Schulthess of Papillion, Neb., and John and Donna Schulthess of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Martha Lovett of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Bob Cashel of Dallas, Texas; a sister-in-law, Evangeline Cashel of Dallas; four grandchildren, Dan, Kevin, Jeff and Heidi; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon; a sister, Mary; a grandson, Mikel; and a sister-in-law, Margaret Cashel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cress Funeral Home, 3610 Speedway Road, Madison, with the Rev. William Wineke officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Gertrude Tubbs

ANGOLA — Gertrude Pauline "Pat" Tubbs, 94, of Fremont died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Tubbs was born on April 21, 1910, in California Township, Mich., to Rennie A. and Glendora (Peppers) Gould.

She married Raymond H. Tubbs on Aug. 11, 1934, and he preceded her in death on April 11, 2002. She was a homemaker and operated a fish shop in Jonesville, Mich. She also operated an adult foster care home in Jonesville.

Mrs. Tubbs moved to Fremont in 1912 with her parents and grew up in the Fremont area. She also was a resident of Coldwater, Mich., Jonesville, and Lake Havasu, Ariz. She was a member of the Jamestown Church.

She is survived by a brother, Everett Gould of Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, William Fifield of Ashley, Patsy Adamson of Flint, Mich., Renee Blankenship of Hillsdale, Mich., Ren Beebe of Reading, Mich., and Charo Nester of Auburn; several great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews; three brothers-in-law, Robert Tubbs of Eaton Rapids, Mich., Herman Tubbs of Coldwater, and Rolland Tubbs of Hillsdale; and two sisters-in-law, Maryline Blohn of Phoenix, Ariz., and Geraldine Maier of Waunakee, Wis.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Ellen Buknis and Helen Henley; a son, Franklin Beebe; and a daughter, Vivian Anne McAuley.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Sunsetview Cemetery, Jonesville.

Memorials are to the Jamestown Church, Fremont.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Carl Gingrich

GARRETT — Burial of the remains of Carl E. "Kelly" Gingrich, 67, of Garrett will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Gingrich died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at 1:40 p.m. at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Robert Zmyslony

GARRETT — A memorial Mass for Robert J. Zmyslony, 84, of Garrett will be Tuesday at 9 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Mr. Zmyslony died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at 7:50 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett handled arrangements.

EVENING STAR
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'B' Robbins was one special lady

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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CROMWELL — Her full name was Mary Bernice Robbins but everyone called her "B." And everyone means, well everyone. And it was just "B," the letter, not Bee or Bea.

Mrs. Robbins died on Feb. 12 at the age of 95. In nearly a century of living, she acquired countless friends who treasured the time they spent with her.

Mrs. Robbins resided in Cromwell for more than seven decades and lived in this part of the state her entire life. She enjoyed multiple careers, not only as a wife and mother, but also as a beautician at Gerard's Beauty Salon in North Webster. That was right after high school after she graduated from a beauty college in Angola.

Over the years she also worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier and assisted her husband, Donald, at Cromwell Advance Printing. That firm is still in the family, as her daughter and son-in-law, Greta and Jim Wallace, keep the printing press running. They are the third generation of the Robbins family to operate the business.

When it came to friends, "B" Robbins had one special person at the top of her list: Helen Harper, a lifelong resident of Cromwell. The long-time friends met at one another's homes on a daily basis, and played cards every day for the past 25 years.

"Our friendship certainly lasted through the years," Mrs. Harper said last week while reflecting on her friend. "We laughed a lot."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Mary "B" Robbins is shown in the back yard of her Cromwell home. This photo was taken in the summer of 2004, and in the background, hanging from a tree, is a huge hornets' nest. She spent a lot of time nurturing the flowers and plant life in her yard.

The women played a game they called "3-13" and a couple of quarters always changed hands. "She called me her gambling friend," Mrs. Harper laughed, "even though we never really gambled. She was a very special lady and was always very, very good to me and my family."

When she wasn't playing cards, Mrs. Robbins' accomplishments were many, including being named the 2001 Cromwell Citizen of the Year. She shared that honor with Mrs. Harper and the two were feted as grand marshals for that year's Cromwell Days Festival parade.

Mrs. Robbins was a member of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cromwell. Her husband died in 1974 after almost 42 years of marriage. They were married on Christmas Day in 1932.

One of Mrs. Robbins' true loves was gardening and taking care of the flora and fauna that dotted the backyard of her Cromwell home. She was past president of the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club, as well as the Elkhart County Bonsai Club. In addition, she was a past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star, and also greatly enjoyed making crafts of all kinds.

Phillip Sprague

AUBURN — Phillip G. "Skip" Sprague, 71, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sprague worked as an engineer for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, where he helped draw plans for the first walk-in cooler. He also worked as an engineer for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and General Motors in Anderson, Troy, Mich., and Lansing, Mich.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the International Order of Odd Fellows in Kendallville and the DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born May 14, 1933, in Ligonier to Frank and Ethel (Growcock) Sprague.

Her married Shirley Peterman on July 20, 1952, in Dennison, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Darlene Sprague of Garrett, John and Jo Ann Sprague of Riverdale, Mich., and Paul and Brandy Sprague of Auburn; one daughter, Teresa Sprague of Auburn; two brothers Fredrick Sprague and Glenn Sprague, both of Ligonier; three sisters, Janice Rarick of Cromwell, Marilyn Easley of Kendallville and Betty Chiddister of Ligonier; eight grandchildren, Ryan Whipp, Alexis Sprague, Karrie Sprague, Katherine Sprague, Phillip Sprague, Megan Sprague, Sarah Sprague and Leah Sprague; and a great-granddaughter, Hailey Whipp.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Chad Brock will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Church of Christ at Garrett.

Mary Bullock

AUBURN — Mary E. Bullock, 84, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at her home.

Born in Cromwell, she worked in the cafeterias at DeKalb County schools and was a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Jonnie Marie Shafer of Franklin; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John T.; a brother, Thomas Michael; her father, Glenn Nicolai, and mother, Flossie Foster.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Ninth and Van Buren streets in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. Calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum or St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Charles Schlatter

AUBURN — Charles W. "Bud" Schlatter, 89, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005.

He was born May 22, 1915, in Auburn to Charles and Beulah Schlatter. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a friend, Daisy Stairhime of Auburn; a daughter, Rebecca Brasseur of Bluffton, S.C.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Albert Rohrs

FORT WAYNE — Albert Fred Rohrs, 87, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at his home.

He was a foreman at International Harvester, retiring in 1982 after nearly 37 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his daughter, Brenda Bailey of Fort Wayne; a grandaughter, Jennifer Bailey of Auburn; two grandsons, Kevin Bailey and Brian Bailey, both of Fort Wayne; a great-granddaughter, Isabelle Adams of Auburn; and a sister, Ida Hahn of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Betty J. Rohrs, in 1994.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about family members.*

Phillip Sprague

AUBURN — Phillip G. "Skip" Sprague, 71, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sprague worked as an engineer for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, where he helped draw plans for the first walk-in cooler. He also worked as an engineer for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and General Motors in Anderson, Troy, Mich., and Lansing, Mich.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the International Order of Odd Fellows in Kendallville and the DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born May 14, 1933, in Ligonier to Frank and Ethel (Growcock) Sprague.

Her married Shirley Peterman on July 20. 1952, in Dennison, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Darlene Sprague of Garrett, John and Jo Ann Sprague of Riverdale, Mich., and Paul and Brandy Sprague of Auburn; a daughter, Teresa Sprague of Auburn; two brothers Fredrick Sprague and Glenn Sprague, both of Ligonier; three sisters, Janice Rarick of Cromwell, Marilyn Easley of Kendallville and Betty Chiddister of Ligonier; eight grandchildren, Ryan Whipp, Alexis Sprague, Karrie Sprague, Katherine Sprague, Phillip Sprague, Megan Sprague, Sarah Sprague and Leah Sprague; and a great-granddaughter, Hailey Whipp.

Preceding him in death were nine sisters and six brothers.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Chad Brock will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Church of Christ at Garrett.

Nathan Carmack

GENEVA, Ill. — Nathan Leonard Carmack died shortly after birth Dec. 1, 2004, at Delnor Hospital in Geneva, Ill.

He is survived by his parents, Aaron and Kerry (Brock) Carmack of Geneva, Ill.; two brothers, his twin, Alex Brock Carmack, and Kaleb Steven Carmack, both at home; grandparents Jeanne and Steven Brock of Auburn and Debbie and Leonard Carmack of Chambersburg, Pa.; and great-grandparents Frank and Rosie Brock of LaGrange.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Schleh officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be from 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

The family prefers memorials to the family's favorite local charity. Contact the funeral home at 837-2581 for information.

Gerald Mellott

GARRETT — Gerald W. Mellott, 76, of Garrett died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at 4:45 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Mr. Mellott worked for Navistar International for 30 years before retiring in 1993. He had lived in Garrett for the past 43 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion, the Garrett Elks and Eagles and the Garrett United Methodist Church. He was very active in the Garrett Little League Baseball program, both as a coach and an umpire.

He was born Dec. 9, 1928, in Holdrege, Neb., to Darwin M. and Myrtle I. (Shepard) Mellott. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary L. Miller on June 7, 1959, in Fort Wayne. She died May 16, 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Jeffery Mellott of Evansville and Gerald E. Mellott of Noblesville; a granddaughter, Elaina Mellott of Greenwood; a brother, Lowell Mellott of Lakewood, Colo.; and a sister, Arlene Heupel of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lloyd Mellott.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thelma Franks

WAWAKA — Thelma M. Franks, 80, of Wawaka died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Franks

Mrs. Franks had moved to the area in 1993 from Anderson.

She had been accounting supervisor with Delco Remy in Anderson.

Mrs. Franks was a member of American Association of Women Accountants, Business & Professional Women and the Ligonier Evangelical Church. She had assisted with the Library Literacy Program and had been an adviser for Junior Achievement.

She had received the Volunteer of Year award from the Anderson YMCA in 1991, Woman of the Year award from the Anderson YMCA, and had received the Distinguished Service Award in 1985 from the Management Club of Madison County.

Mrs. Franks was born April 6, 1924, in Butler to Wayland and Mae (Bryant) Mutzfeld. She graduated from Ball State Teachers College.

On Feb. 13, 1993, in Wawaka, she married William "Tom" Franks. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. John E. and Jean Marvel of Fairmount; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Marvel and Paul Nelson of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and Ruth and David McCord of Lewisburg, Pa.; three stepsons and their wives, Thomas J. and Sharon Franks and William "Clee" and Cheryl Franks, all of Wawaka, and Frank E. and Jackie Franks of Hartford City; a brother and sister-in-law, Harley and Alice Mutzfeld of Needham, Mass.; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeannette and John Morgan of Peterborough, Ontario; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Edward Thomson, who was killed in World War II. She had also been married to Thomas J. Marvel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ligonier Evangelical Church with the Revs. Hubert Harriman, David Kushman and Stephen Cox officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation, 8120 Woodmont Ave., Suite 530, Bethesda, MD 20814 or to Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to include a photograph.*

Mary Bullock

AUBURN — Mary E. Bullock, 84, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Bullock

Born in Cromwell, she worked in the cafeterias at DeKalb County schools and was a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Jonnie Marie Shafer of Franklin; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John T.; a brother, Thomas Michael; her father, Glenn Nicolai; and her mother, Flossie Foster.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Ninth and Van Buren streets in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum or St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Diane Pinney

BUTLER — Diane E. Pinney, 57, of Butler died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at 4:35 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Pinney had worked as a laborer at Lectron in Hamilton. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born May 28, 1947, in Midfield, Mass., to Donald and Muriel (Cosgrove) Reith. They preceded her in death.

She married Richard Pinney on Aug. 18, 1977, in Auburn. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Chris and Ron Baker of Butler and Hope Stewart of Newark, Mass.; a sister, Cynthia Reith of Nadick, Mass.; and two grandchildren, Cody and Samantha Baker, both of Butler.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. The Rev. James Glasscock will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Neal Smith

OSSIAN — Neal E. Smith, 65, of Ossian died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at his home.

He had worked for Peter Eckrich 26 years and Mullinix Packaging for 19 years, retiring in February.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette L. (Ormiston) Smith of Ossian; three daughters and their spouses, Sherri and Gary Furniss of Fort Wayne, Laurie and Ron Terry and Trisha and Bruce Hoffman, all of Ossian; a son, Daniel "Bo" Smith of Auburn; five brothers; three sisters; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Edwin Smith and Fayma Hart; and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery at Ossian.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral

Wilma Treesh

AUBURN — Wilma Iona (Grate) Treesh, 92, of Auburn died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 2:10 p.m. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Treesh

Mrs. Treesh had worked at the Garrett Community Hospital and the Lutheran Home in Kendallville, retiring as a dietitian in 1977.

She was a member of the Richland Township Homemakers Club from 1978 to 1992 and enjoyed cooking, baking and creating quilts for each new baby in the family.

She was an active member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Auburn and a dedicated worker for the mission committee, especially the blanket drive. She served as Sunday school superintendent for several years. She attended Pleasant Hill Elementary School and Corunna High School.

She was born June 23, 1912, in DeKalb County to Glen Grate and Elpha Susanna Smith, as the only daughter in a family of five children.

She married her husband of 71 years, Dale DeWitt Treesh, on Dec. 15, 1928, in DeKalb County. They had four children and farmed in DeKalb County for about 40 years. In September 1997, they sold the farm and moved to Auburn. Mr. Treesh died July 10, 2000, in Noble County.

Surviving are two daughters, Roeine Elaine Danclovic of Albuquerque, N.M., and Darleen Sue Dalby of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Joan Virginia Treesh of Port Charlotte, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Alan Dale and Dlorah "Mickey" Treesh of Charleston, S.C.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a brother, George Grate of Kendallville; and two sisters-in-law, Betty Grate of Kendallville and Lana Grate Myers of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a son, Don Eugene Treesh; a granddaughter, Roxanne Marie (Treesh) Walter; three infant grandsons; three brothers, Chester Alvin Grate, Paul Denver Grate and Glen J. Grate; and her parents.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Douglas Barber of Maple Grove United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Maple Grove United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

LaVonne Gibson

PLEASANT LAKE — LaVonne Delores "Bonnie" Gibson, 76, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in Angola.

Mrs. Gibson was born June 15, 1928, in Pleasant Lake to Xenophon and Letha (Coney) Imhoff. She married Harold Gibson on April 3, 1949, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 2003.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from Pleasant Lake High School in 1946, and was a member of the Pleasant Lake Lioness Club.

Surviving are a son, Bruce Gibson of Wake Forest, N.C.; and two daughters, Glenda Wilson of Hudson and Gina Gibson of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald Dean Imhoff, and a sister, Evelyn Knight.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jeffrey Stedge officiating. Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with new information about a family member.*

Mary Bullock

AUBURN — Mary E. Bullock, 84, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Bullock

Born in Cromwell, she worked in the cafeterias at DeKalb County schools and was a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Jonnie Marie Shafer of Franklin; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John T.; a son, Thomas Michael; her father, Glenn Nicolai, and mother, Flossie Foster.

Services were Wednesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum or St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Earl Abell

AVILLA — Earl Abell, 75, of Avilla died Friday, March 4, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Abell painted new homes for Liechty Associates, retiring in 1991.

He was born Sept. 12, 1929, in Petersburg to Rex and Alta (Johns) Abell.

He married Marcenia McCandless in 1973 in Newville. She died in 1995.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike and Kathy Abell of Newville, Larry Joe Abell of Newville and Randy and Carla Abell of Kendallville; two stepsons and their wives, Bobby Joe and Linda McCandless of Petersburg and Steve and Teresa McCandless of Petersburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Fay and Phillip Fluke of Butler and Sharon and Dennis Bates of Bryan, Ohio; two stepdaughters and a husband, Sandy and Mark Blake of Carmi, Ill., and Mary Hill of Butler; a brother, Billy Joe Abell of Carmi, Ill.; one sister, Mary Catherine Evans of Petersburg; his first wife, Margie (Church) Abell of Butler; 13 grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Auburn. The Rev. Ken Weaver will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Former Auburn Mayor Norman Rohm, 75, dies

AUBURN — Norman N. Rohm, 75, of Auburn died Thursday, March 3, 2005, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Rohm

Mr. Rohm served as mayor of Auburn from 1992 through 1999. He was on the DeKalb Central school board from 1961 to 1976, serving several years as its president.

He owned and operated Rohm Chevrolet in Auburn from 1965 to 1980, then worked in real estate at Wible & Associates of Auburn from 1980 through 1992.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the Korean conflict.

He was born Dec. 6, 1929, in Auburn to Howard N. and Vera (Lahnum) Rohm. They preceded him in death.

He married Sue Anne Seyboldt on May 22, 1955, in Defiance, Ohio. She survives.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jeffrey Rohm of Indianapolis, Rex and Christine Rohm of Atlanta and Mark and Debbie Rohm of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ray Garcia of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Joshua and Jacob Garcia and Elijah Rohm.

Private family services will be conducted at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ or the Auburn Alliance Church.

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Jessie Stauffer

WOODBURN — Jessie B. Stauffer, 82, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Woodburn, died Friday, March 4, 2005, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Mrs. Stauffer retired in 1990 as librarian of the Woodburn branch of the Allen County Public Library. She was a member of the Woodburn United Methodist Church.

She was born June 15, 1922, in Paulding County, Ohio.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Jack Evans of Battle Ground; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert D. and Thea Stauffer of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Sara English of New Haven, Dorothy Lothamer of Fort Wayne and Ann Freshwater, Elizabeth Goodenough and Eleanor Fellers, all of Paulding, Ohio; and a brother, F. Paul Carnahan of Paulding.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, who died in 1997, and three sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Woodburn United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan and Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

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March 5 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Former Auburn mayor dies

Norman Rohm, 75, led school board, owned automobile dealership

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — Former Auburn Mayor Norman N. Rohm, 75, died Thursday, March 3, 2005, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Rohm served as mayor of Auburn from 1992 through 1999.

He was a member of the DeKalb Central school board from 1961 to 1976, serving several years as its president. The district consolidated and built DeKalb High School and DeKalb Middle School during his years on the school board.

Mr. Rohm also enjoyed a successful career in business. He owned and operated Rohm Chevrolet-Buick-Olds in Auburn from 1965 to 1980, then worked in real estate at Wible & Associates of Auburn from 1980 through 1992.

Mr. Rohm

Bruce Scranage worked with Rohm at Wible & Associates and partnered with him in owning buildings under the name of NB Properties. They erected buildings in west Auburn on West Fifteenth Street and South Grandstaff Drive, as well as in Warsaw, LaGrange and Wabash.

"He had a great selling personality," Scranage said. "He just knew how to handle people.

"The first thing is he was honest. He liked people. He liked dealing with people. He was straight-up with people."

A native and lifetime resident of Auburn, Mr. Rohm truly loved the community, Scranage said.

"He was very much interested in Auburn," said Dick Martin, executive director of the DeKalb County Visitors Bureau. "It's a great loss ... As a community leader, he did a lot for the city of Auburn.

Martin said Mr. Rohm was a private person and yet could be very social in the community. He enjoyed golf and playing cards.

"Norm, to me, was always easy to sit down and talk to and discuss things. ... He'd always make time for you," Martin said.

Mr. Rohm appointed Martin to the city's Redevelopment Commission,

THE EVENING STAR

March 6 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Cheryl Leatherman invested in family, business, hobbies

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — Cheryl Leatherman not only helped her husband build a construction company, she also built a life of happiness for her family and friends.

"Anyone who met Cheryl could tell how special she was," said Faye Leatherman, Cheryl's daughter-in-law.

Cheryl lost a battle with cancer Feb. 19 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne, surrounded by her husband of 41 years, Keith Leatherman; her children; and several members of her extended family.

"She was greatly involved in our businesses throughout the years," Keith Leatherman said.

For more than 30 years, the business was Leatherman Construction, until that company was sold to a group of employees. Since then, it has been Monarch Development.

"Keith and Cheryl were a very good team. What one couldn't do, the other did," Faye said.

Checking on job sites was a team effort for Keith and Cheryl, Faye said. "They went together to do that."

Cheryl also attended the majority of the town meetings at which one of the businesses had a project up for review, Keith said.

She was an active partner in the business. "We agreed on most things in our business career," Keith said.

A lot of the business' growth is because Cheryl supported Keith, said their son, Ron Leatherman.

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Cheryl Leatherman, right, is shown in her back yard in Albion with, from left, her husband, Keith; granddaughter, Taylor; and grandson, Brett. Keith holds Samantha, a pet cat.

Cheryl also had her own business, Carousel of Dolls. Her first doll shop was in Albion. She later opened a shop in the building now housing Monarch Development.

But that business was more of a hobby, Keith said. "She collected them, too."

About 500 dolls from Cheryl's collection are scattered throughout the Leathermans' home, Keith said. "You've got all those eyes looking at you."

But that's not to say that Cheryl was all business. She invested as much, if not more, effort in her family as in the jobs and her dolls, Faye said.

"She always had her family time. That was important," Keith said. That meant time for Cub Scouts and other activities with Ron and for sporting events and horse shows with daughter Lori. More recently, she enjoyed her role as "Grammy."

Family trips were a special treat for Cheryl. Among her favorite places was Colorado. The family had a home there, and she would enjoy picnics in the mountains.

"Christmas was her favorite time of year," Keith said. "She went all-out for Christmas."

She also enjoyed spending time in a backyard patio paradise that she and Keith created, and taking time with her pets.

Cheryl spent much of the last two years preparing the family to go on without her, Faye said. "She had read extensively about the kind of cancer she had, and she knew."

And a lot of what she enjoyed will continue, the Leathermans said.

"We're going to continue to travel," Keith said.

"We are going to keep the doll shop here open," Ron added. "Our daughter Taylor's going to help take care of it this summer." The shop's hours will expand, he added.

Carl Ely

KENDALLVILLE — Carl Ely, 86, of Kendallville and formerly of Corunna died Friday, March 4, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Ely

He was a farmer for 40 years, and was the owner-operator of Ely Auto Sales for 25 years until 1979. He retired in 1998.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna and the Elks and Moose lodges in Kendallville.

Mr. Ely was born in LaGrange County on June 11, 1918, to Norman and Maude (Gable) Ely.

He married Doloris Eisenhower on Dec. 25, 1938, in Hudson, and she died Dec. 11, 1994.

He married Stella M. Neeley in Waterloo on July 12, 1998, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Shirley Ely of Auburn and James and Cheryl Ely of Garrett; a stepson, Jerry Delong of Michigan; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Christine and Rickie Miller of Defiance, Ohio, Jackie and Tom Herrington of Ney, Ohio, and Kathleen and Chuck Messer of Kendallville; a sister, Mildred Rocker of Auburn; a sister-in-law, June Ely of St. Petersburg, Fla.; five grandchildren, 12 stepgrandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Harold Ely, and a sister, Edith Leader.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

William Spitznaugle

KENDALLVILLE — William R. Spitznaugle, 23, of Kendallville died as a result of an automobile accident on U.S. 6 west of C.R. 1200E in Kendallville on Friday, March 4, 2005.

Mr. Spitznaugle

Mr. Spitznaugle was born in San Diego, Calif., on Dec. 24, 1981, to Mark and Lolita (Cuabo) Spitznaugle.

He had attended East Noble High School and was employed by A-1 Productions near Cree Lake.

Surviving are her parents, Mark and Lolita Spitznaugle of Kendallville; and a brother, Carl Spitznaugle of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left online at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Kara Croy

KENDALLVILLE — Kara Lynne Croy, 19, of Kendallville died as a result of an automobile accident on U.S. 6 west of C.R. 1200E in Kendallville on Friday, March 4, 2005.

Miss Croy

Miss Croy was a graduate of Cornerstone Christian Academy, and was attending Ivy Tech College in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 20, 1985, to Jeff and Cathy (Wilcox) Croy. They survive in rural Kendallville.

Also surviving are her sister, Danielle Croy of Kendallville; a maternal grandmother, Sharon Wilcox of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Irvin and Patricia Croy of Avilla; and a great-grandmother, Marie Croy of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Carl F. Wilcox, on Jan. 19, 1999.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Leonard King officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be left online at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

THE EVENING STAR

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Oris Buckles

LEO — Oris Jon Buckles, 88, of Leo and formerly of Garrett died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at The Cedars Retirement Home in Leo after a long illness.

Mr. Buckles

For 40 years, Mr. Buckles and his family lived southwest of Garrett where he and his wife, Barbara, owned and operated Buckles' Antiques.

He was born and raised in Noble County, where he graduated from Albion High School in 1934.

He married Barbara An Eikenberry in November 1941. She preceded him in death in August 2004.

After moving to Garrett, he served in the American Theater of Operations at Scott Field, Ill., with the 3505th Army Air Force Base Unit in 1945 and 1946, receiving an honorable discharge and a World War II Victory Medal.

He was instrumental in achieving the Keyser-Butler Township School consolidation in 1951, and was one of the first Parent-Teacher Association presidents in northeastern Indiana. He worked for 25 years as a tool-and-die designer and engineer for Electric Motors and Specialties in Garrett, retiring in 1977.

He was a 56-year member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, where he sang in the choir and served as a church deacon. Throughout his life, he was a master woodworker and supervised in the woodworking shop at the Fort Wayne Senior Citizens Center for 20 years in the 1980s and 1990s. He was an active member of the Indiana Kidney Foundation, the American Clock Association and the Fort Wayne Masons.

In addition to his lifelong interests in antiques, restoration, clocks and collectibles, he enjoyed gardening, horticulture, beekeeping, cooking, reading, keeping tropical fish, playing bridge, singing and playing 1930s and 1940s piano tunes, and attending local auctions and garage sales.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Donnadee and R.J. Hohimer of Fort Myers, Fla., Kathalee and Toby Refner of Auburn, Debbie and John Shelby of Phoenix and Teresa and Chris Barnard of Petaluma, Calif.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jody Lee Miller of Portland, Ore., Carisa and Paul Whittall of Wiltshire, England, Jon Gabriel and Melissa Miller of Groton, Conn., Libby Shelby and Johnny Shelby of Phoenix and Hillary Conrad and Max Conrad of Petaluma, Calif.; four great-granddaughters, Ally and Gabrielle Miller of Groton and Madeline and Abigail Whittall of Wiltshire; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Buckles Uhl of Granger and Janet Buckles of Austin, Texas; two nieces and their spouses, Linda and Don Swinehart of Granger and Joyce and Richard Langford of Austin; and a nephew and his spouse, Robert and Peg Buckles of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Letha Buckles of Kimmell; two brothers, George and Robert Buckles; a grandson, Chad Miller; and an infant great-granddaughter, Baylee Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Church of Christ, 213 E. King St., Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Private burial will be in Sparta Christian Church Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the Indiana Kidney Foundatic

Three crash victims identified

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KENDALLVILLE — The names of three people who died Friday night in a car-semi crash one mile east of Kendallville on U.S. 6 have been released.

A report from the Noble County Sheriff's Department identified the victims as Kara Lynne Croy, 19, and William R. Spitznaugle, 23, both of Kendallville; and Travis A. Elswick, 20, of Fayette, W.Va.

Croy was the daughter of Jeff and Cathy Croy of Kendallville. She was a graduate of Cornerstone Christian Academy and was taking classes at Ivy Tech College in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Croy

Spitznaugle

Spitznaugle was the son of Mark and Lolita Spitznaugle of Kendallville. He had attended East Noble High School and was working at A-1 Productions near Cree Lake.

Services for Miss Croy will be held Tuesday at Calvary United Methodist Church. Services for Mr. Spitznaugle will be held at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

No information about Elswick was available.

Sheriff's department reports said Croy was driving a 1990 Oldsmobile eastbound on U.S. 6 at around 9:55 p.m. and apparently lost control of the car due to slippery road conditions. Croy's vehicle slid across the centerline into the path of a westbound 2002 Freightliner semi-tractor driven by Milton J. Poston, 69, of Kewanna.

"I just talked to the sheriff's department, and it appears the road conditions definitely contributed to it," Noble County Coroner Terry Gaff said Saturday evening.

Gaff said toxicology tests will be conducted for the victims, but that the results will not be available for quite some time.

Poston, who was driving for Diversified Transport of South Bend, was not injured.

Investigation into the crash will be continuing, Gaff said. Agencies assisting the Noble County Sheriff's Department with the investigation include the Indiana State Police, Noble County Coroner's Office and the Kendallville Fire Department.

George Grate

KENDALLVILLE — George G. Grate, 91, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Grate

He worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and retired 30 years ago. He was a member of Richards Restaurant Coffee Club, spending lots of time there drinking coffee with his friends.

Mr. Grate was born in Richland Township in western DeKalb County on Dec. 2, 1913, to Glenn and Elpha (Smith) Grate.

He married Laura E. Thomson on April 20, 1935, in Corunna, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 20, 1980.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Herb and Sadie Grate of Ashley, Dwight and Beve Grate of Avilla and Glen and Carolyn Grate of Fort Wayne; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Connie and Don Teders of Avilla, Carolyn Anthony of Urbana, Ohio, Colleen and Lynn Hart of Wolcottville and Bonnie and Kenneth Gehring of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepgrandchild, a stepgreat-grandchild, three brothers, Chester, Paul and Glen J. Grate, and a sister, Wilma Treesh.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Everett McBride Sr.

TEWKSBURY, Mass. — Everett P. McBride Sr., 76, of Tewksbury, Mass., died Feb. 15, 2005, at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell, Mass.

Mr. McBride was raised in Garrett and attended Garrett High School.

In 1946, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Rochester after World War II. He was awarded several decorations from the military, including a Presidential Testimonial and the Mediterranean Navy Occupation Medal. He also received citations honoring his Navy service from both the Massachusetts House and Senate and the town of Tewksbury. He was honorably discharged from active duty on Jan. 5, 1950, at the rank of seaman apprentice.

Prior to his retirement in 1991, Mr. McBride was a brakeman for 40 years with the New Haven, Penn Central and Conrail railroad companies of Boston.

He had been a resident of Tewksbury, Mass., since 1968, and was a member of the Tewksbury United Methodist Church and Tewksbury VFW Post 8164. Before moving to Tewksbury, he lived in Wilmington, Mass., for several years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed playing cribbage.

He was born Jan. 31, 1929, in Garrett to Charles and Pearl (Heffilfinger) McBride. They preceded him in death.

He was married to Eleanor V. (Sachs) McBride, who died in 1964, and Barbara J. (Brazee) McBride, who died in 1980.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Donna L. and Paul Ardolino of Florida, Kathleen J. Goss of Tewksbury, Mass., and Nancy A. Hicks of Milton, Mass.; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Albert W. Goss of Manchester, N.H., Selectmen Chairman Everett P. McBride Jr. and Doreen McBride of Salem, N.H.; Thomas S. Goss of Tucson, Ariz., and Paul C. McBride of North Hampton, N.H.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Dora McBride of Butler, and Harley and Janet McBride of Hamilton; and 12 grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

L. Bernice Dissinger

FORT WAYNE — L. Bernice Dissinger, 95, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 4, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dissinger

Born in Spencerville, she lived in the Auburn area for 26 years. She was a homemaker and attended Highland Bethel Church.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and David Bates of Marion, Arlene and John Motter of Phillipsburg, Ohio, Dee and Jim Ramsey of Fort Wayne and Marilyn and Richard Steiner of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, and four brothers.

A memorial service will be Saturday, March 19, at 11 a.m. in Highland Bethel Church, 3800 N. Clinton St., with calling from 10 to 11 a.m.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Highland Bethel Church and League of the Blind.

Wayne Storer

ST. JOE — Wayne D. "Pete" Storer, 85, of St. Joe died Monday, March 7, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Storer enjoyed farming and worked as an office supply and mailroom manager at Tokheim for 45 years.

He was a World War II veteran and a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ, where he served as a deacon and elder.

Mr. Storer was honored as a lifetime member of the St. Joe Lions Club on Feb. 14.

He was one of the first basketball players in the area to perfect the one-handed shot.

He was born Dec. 14, 1919, in DeKalb County to Milton Edward and Katie Lovett (Clark) Storer. She preceded him in death.

He married Marcelle Elaine Rediger on March 23, 1946, in Spencerville. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are two daughters, Rosalind Ann Storer of Auburn and Debra Jo Storer of St. Joe; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Wayne and Meredith Storer of St. Joe; a daughter-in-law, Debra Rae Storer of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Justin Storer, Adam Storer, Melinda Storer, Jessa Carreon, Jason Storer, Kevi Disrud, Shannon Nemeth and Todd Brown; four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Aiden, Tanner and Jenna; and a sister, Bea Laub of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pauline Storer; an infant daughter, Amy Storer; a son, Michael David Storer, in 1995; and three sisters, Hazel Simanton, Helen Wade and Bobbie Squires.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ, Jefferson Street, with the Rev. Larry Watson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the church fellowship hall.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ, P.O. Box 285, St. Joe, IN 46785.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Robert Woodward

GARRETT — Robert J. Woodward, 80, of Garrett died Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Born in Garrett, Mr. Woodward retired from International Harvester in 1980 after 35 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army infantry from 1943 to 1945 and was a member of American Legion Post 178, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Woodward of Garrett; four sons, Robert, John and Joe Woodward, all of Garrett, and Michael Woodward of Ashley; two daughters, Joyce Ann Bishop of Auburn and Nila Talbit of Stevensville, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Woodward in 1954; his parents; and three brothers, Jim, Harold and Don Woodward.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett post of the American Legion (Disabled Veterans).

Larry Myers

ALBION — Larry Charles Myers, 58, of Albion died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at his home at Skinner Lake, rural Albion.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers had been employed for 23 years with Johnson Controls in Goshen before becoming disabled in 1990.

He was a member of Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo, the Sons of the American Legion in Albion and the Eagles Lodge in Albion.

Mr. Myers loved fishing and camping.

He was born Feb. 1, 1947, at Wolf Lake to Charles and Henrietta (Musser) Myers. They are deceased. On Aug. 12, 1995, in Waterloo, he married Vicky Lee Heileman. She survives.

Also surviving are his five children and their spouses, Charles Thomas and Cindi of Bristol, Benjamin Larry and Karen of Avilla, Joseph Lee of Albion, Richard of New Paris, and Alicia of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Patsy Kelly of Cromwell and Nancy and Stanley Fausnaugh of Ligonier; three brothers, Terry Myers of Ligonier, Jerry Myers of LaGrange and Garry Wayne Myers and his special friend, Rose Ray, both of Churubusco; and three grandchildren, Evan Thomas Myers, Lily Nicole Myers and Jacob Lee Myers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Free Will Baptist Church in Waterloo with Pastor Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Richard Tieman

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Wayne Tieman, 77, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Tieman

Mr. Tieman was a real estate broker and a past member of the Indiana Board or Realtors.

He had owned a fishing and hunting resort in Wisconsin for many years before retiring in 1995.

Mr. Tieman was a U.S. Navy veteran and honorably discharged Sept. 29, 1945. He was a member of the American Legion.

He was born April 12, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Franklin and Maude Tieman. On Aug. 2, 1947, in Fort Wayne, he married Ilene Mullendore. She died Oct. 20, 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Millie Tieman of Butler; a sister, Wanda Widmann of LaGrange; and four grandchildren and their spouses, Shelly and Jeff Shultz, Christena and Jim Huff, and Steven John Tieman, all of Butler, and Laura and Ben Rollins of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Tieman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Herbert Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Herbert Slone, 80, of Kendallville died at 2 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Slone had been in failing health. He had moved to the area in 1966 from Kentucky.

He had retired from Cooper Tire & Rubber after 22 years of service.

Mr. Slone was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church where he enjoyed church activities.

He was born Sept. 13, 1924, in Floyd County, Ky., to Monroe and Nannie (Mosley) Slone. On April 4, 1946, in Floyd County he married Daisy Chaffins. She died Sept. 17, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Lewie Slone, and his companion, Marlene Martin, of Kendallville; two daughters, Elvita Mullins of Ligonier and Carolyn Hicks of Kendallville; two sisters, Armanda Jordan of Toledo, Ohio, and Hester Manns of Knox, Ind.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with Elder Russell Hicks and Elder Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the church with an evening service at 6 p.m.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Florine Myers

AUBURN — Florine Deloris Myers, 80, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 9, 2005.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters in Auburn and volunteered at the Red Cross Center in Fort Wayne for several years.

She was born March 14, 1924, in Auburn to Earl W. and Birdie (Ruhl) Glass. They preceded her in death.

On Nov. 26, 1958, in Auburn she married Milton James Myers. He survives.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Greenfield of Auburn and Shirley and James Mettert of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Donley, in 1943.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Larry Weller will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

Ima Lou Oswalt

BROOKVILLE, Ohio — Ima Lou Oswalt, 86, of Brookville died Monday, March 7, 2005, at Brookhaven Nursing & Care Center.

She was a member of the Salem Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Doneta Oswalt of Auburn, Ind.; a daughter, Suzanne Altenburg of Rochelle, Ill; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loyd "Doc" Oswalt, and two brothers, Robert and Donald (James) Flory.

Services were Wednesday at Salem Church of the Brethren in Phillipsburg, Ohio. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery at Clayton, Ohio. Gilbert-Fellers Funeral Home of Brookville handled arrangements.

Memorials are to the Salem Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be left online at www.gilbert-fellers.com.

Ruth Brown

AUBURN — Ruth Bernice Brown, 88, of Auburn, died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

She was born Dec. 27, 1916, in Delavan, Ill., to Elvan B. and Iva (Williams) Harvey. They preceded her in death.

She married Lester Brown on Dec. 1, 1935, in Fairburry, Ill. He died Nov. 10, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Alyce Uguccioni of Brooklyn, Mich., and Diane Brown of Nashville, Tenn.; four sons, Duane Brown of Columbia City, Ronald Brown of South Whitley, Danny Brown of Auburn and David Brown of Butler; 18 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Dean and Dale Brown, a grandson, Douglas Brown, four brothers, Paul, Leonard, Glenn and Ralph Harvey, and four sisters, Pernie Butler, Claire Weerts, Mary Holdsclaw and Esther Harvey.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Helen Lepley

ASHLEY — Helen D. Lepley, 85, of Ashley died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lepley was a homemaker and worked at Carlin Park Nursing Home in Angola for 15 years.

She was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church and the Ashley-Hudson United Methodist Women.

She was born Jan. 21, 1920, in Toledo, Ohio, to Marshal and Hazel (Hamet) Sharpe. They preceded her in death.

She married DeWayne "Deke" Lepley on Oct. 21, 1945, in Bryan, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Anna Lepley of Ashley; three daughters, Elizabeth Farver of Butler, Pam Kolczynski of Butler and Alice Lepley of Ashley; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Cheryl and Lester Tatro, Andrea and David Groble, Emily and Corey Troubaugh, Joseph "Joey" Lepley, Susan Farver, Michael and Shelly Martin, Steve Martin and Amy and Bill Engler; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Sharpe, and two grandchildren, David Martin and Jason Lee Lepley.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Becky Brault officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery of Hudson.

Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ashley United Methodist Church or the DeKalb County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Caring nurse touched many lives

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Evelyn Elizabeth George, known to many as "Little Evelyn" or "Dr. Evelyn," touched hundreds — some would argue thousands — of lives during more than half a century as an aide and assistant to Dr. Fox, D.D.S., Dr. Harlan V. Hippensteel Jr., M.D., and Dr. Mark Souder, M.D.

She never married or had children of her own, but throughout her life George served as a mother, friend, adviser and confidante to three generations of people who came to know and love her. George's integrity, empathy and love of mankind knew no bounds. She was small in stature — barely 5 feet tall — but big in heart.

George started work during World War II as a secretary at International Harvester. She joined the Fox dental office in Auburn during the early 1950s, then moved on to work alongside Dr. Hippensteel, where she stayed for more than 50 years.

Hippensteel trained George in routine medical procedures and pharmacology. Intelligent and observant, George quickly became a favorite source for people seeking medical treatment and advice.

"Dr. Hippensteel once told me that Aunt Evelyn knew as much as he did," remembers George's nephew, Steven "Stevie G" Roberts. "He said he trusted her completely."

When Hippensteel died in March 2003, George found herself without a job for the first time in her life.

Her close friend, Phyllis Poff, an attorney in Auburn, recalls that George went to the unemployment office to file for compensation.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Evelyn George as a young woman

"She was the oldest employee they had seen who had lost her job. Evelyn said she told them she had been working for the doctor for 50 years," Poff said with a laugh. "The unemployment people didn't know what to do with her."

George barely had time to collect unemployment — she soon was offered another job, this time working in the office of Dr. Mark Souder in Grabill.

George continued to work up until the day she had a stroke on Dec. 10, 2004. She died a month later on Jan. 11, 2005. She was 81 years old.

"She never missed a day of work," said Ellen (Hippensteel) Hefty, Dr. Hippensteel's daughter and a nurse who worked alongside George in her father's office for many years. "She was never late and, in the beginning, would work from early morning until 8 or 9 at night. She was always impeccably dressed in crisp, white uniforms with spotless white shoes."

Jane Ann George, George's niece, also remembers how her aunt worked late but still found time to care for and spend time with her extended family.

"I was just a little girl and Aunt Evelyn was like a mother to all of us (nieces and nephews). I would call and call, waiting for her to get home and then beg her to come and visit," said Jane Ann. "Many times she would get home from work late in the evening, put on her pajamas and drive out and visit with us."

From beginning to end, Evelyn George was a caretaker. Her mother, Blanche (Grogg) George, died when Evelyn was just 9 years old. George's father, Walter George, was a Navy man, out to sea and absent from the home much of the time. He too, died young, leaving Evelyn to help care for her siblings, Jim and Ginnie.

Many years later, when George's sister became ill with cancer, George moved Ginnie into her home on Fourth Street in Auburn. George would go home from work at noon to check on Ginnie, fix her lunch and tend to her medical needs.

George doted on her family, taking nieces and nephews on vacations and to museums and amusement parks, where Jane Ann remembers, "She insisted on riding all the rides."

George never wavered in offering her nieces, nephews, siblings and other members of the family financial and emotional support throughout their lifetimes. And George was just as caring and compassionately involved with her friends' and patients' lives.

Whenever she could find spare time, George loved to read and travel. She took several trips, including one to Europe with Poff. They first met when Poff had a law office in the same building as Dr. Fox. Both were single, working women and they instantly hit it off.

"We began going out to eat together, and I would take her to my family's house for dinner. She became another member of my family. It was rare to have a family get-together that did not include Evelyn," said Poff.

"She was just a wonderful person. I never heard her say a bad word about anyone," said Poff.

George had a ready laugh, a sharp mind, honest humility and overwhelming compassion for humanity. In the 16 years Hefty worked at George's side, she never heard George say a single curse word or make a vulgar remark.

"She made this world a better and more friendly place for all," said nephew Mike Roberts.

Another nephew, Stevie Roberts agreed. "She was the glue that held our family together," he said. One of his earliest memories of his Aunt Evelyn is when he was 4 years old and his younger brother, Mark, who was 22 months old, died.

"My mom and dad were in hysterics. I have a very clear picture of Aunt Evelyn coming into the bedroom to comfort us surviving youngsters," he said.

"For a slightly built woman, she sure had huge shoulders."

James Roy Honaker

ALBION — James Roy Honaker, 75, of Albion died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at his home.

He was a lifetime area resident and farmed when he was young. He was later employed by B & O Railroad, Dana Corp. and was a superintendent at Transagram Midwest Inc. He was an 18-year representative of the U.A.W. and was owner/operator of Sycamore Palle in Corunna for 25 years.

Her served in the Navy Air Corps and was a World War II veteran.

He was born in Royalton, Ky., on Jan. 21, 1930, to Roy and Anna (Lewis) Honaker. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives. He was also preceded in death by a son, Mike Honaker, who died on July 13, 2001.

Also surviving are a companion, Mary Prucinsky of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, James D. and Angie Honaker of Thompkinsville, Ky., and Timothy R. and Sharon Honaker of Glenview, Ill.; a daughter, Julia Clare Honaker of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Janelle Ann and Steve Graber of Auburn; a brother, Keith Honaker of Wolcottville; a sister, Barbara Barnes of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren: Michelle Krock, Chad Honaker, Zach Honaker, Kevin Honaker, Brian Honaker, Daniel Graber, Rebekah Graber, Todd Honaker, and Tara Honaker; as well as eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville. The Rev. Jack Thomas, the Rev. Carldean Merrifield and the Rev. Robin LaRue will officiate. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be Monday from 2:30 to 7 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home on S.R. 9 in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne or the American Cancer Society.

Virginia Ranney

KENDALLVILLE — Virginia Ranney, 81, of Kendallville died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

She was a homemaker, a Jehovah Witness and a member of the Auburn Kingdom Hall.

She was born in Marshall, Mich., on July 16, 1923, to William H. and Stella (Myers) Mohr. She married Carl Lee George Ranney, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were a son, Anthony Ranney, three brothers and five sisters.

Surviving are three sisters, her son and daughter-in-law, Jerry L. and Shari Ranney of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela S. and Brian Laughlin of Topeka, and close friends of the family, Gene Sr. and Lois Hall. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Scott Ranney, David Ranney, Jenny Ranney, Brian Ranney and Tim Ranney; and one great-granddaughter, Isabella Ranney.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at Feller Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jim Charles officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Sarah Hersh

DECATUR — Sarah "Elizabeth" Hersh, 103, of Decatur died Friday, March 11, 2005, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butler. She also attended First Presbyterian Church in Decatur.

Mrs. Hersh served as a Girl Scout leader for the GSA service team and day camp as well as a trainer for the Limberlost Council. She was bloodmobile chairman for the O.E.S. Chapter in Butler; past president of Social Ray, Shakespeare Club, past president of Forty & 8, and past president parley, American Red Cross. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club, Hospital Auxiliary, Allen County Democrats and American Legion Post No. 43 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hersh was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Aug. 5, 1901, to Walter and Ellen (Willock) Mondhank.

She married Robert Clinton Hersh on Sept. 29, 1929. He preceded her in death in 1960. Also preceding her in death was a brother.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Ebbie and Karl Kolter of Decatur; two grandchildren, Michael Kolter and Sharon Doty, both of Decatur; a nephew, Richard W. Mondhank of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson and nine stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St. in Decatur, with the Rev. Laura Sherwood officiating. Burial will be at Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and one hour before the funeral.

Memorials to the 1st Presbyterian Church in Decatur and to the Limberlost Girl Scouts.

Allen Driscoll

WAWAKA — Allen Wayne Driscoll, 75, of Wawaka died at 4:38 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Driscoll

Mr. Driscoll had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service in the Albion office where he retired as a clerk after 15 years of service.

He had moved to this area in 1971 from Carmel.

Mr. Driscoll was a 1948 graduate of New Haven High School and at age 62 received a bachelor's degree from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne.

He conducted a creative writers group in Kendallville and was the author of eight books.

He was a member of Albion American Legion Post 242 and the DAV.

Mr. Driscoll served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1960 as a warrants officer. He enjoyed hunting, trapping and turtle fishing.

He was born Feb. 5, 1930, in Woodburn to Andrew Melville "Mel" and Linnie (Deweese) Driscoll. On Oct. 2, 1954, at the Auburn Catholic Church, he married Velma Voirol. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Patrick Driscoll of Wawaka and Michael Driscoll of Albion; a daughter, Jennifer Driscoll of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Florence Paxton and Bonnie Austin; a brother, Marion Driscoll of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Danielle, Jerry, Amber, Tasha, Amanda and Kyle Driscoll.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerrauld Driscoll on Feb. 28, 1986; a daughter-in-law, Reba Driscoll; a brother, Arthur Driscoll; and seven sisters, Maude Dager, Ethel Weikart, Hazel Amspaugh, Helen Hattendorf, Madeline Driscoll, Cecil Driscoll and Mildred Bade.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Private burial services will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Councils on Aging of Noble or LaGrange counties.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

James Roy Honaker

ALBION — James Roy Honaker, 75, of Albion died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at his home.

He was a lifetime area resident and moved to Albion from Wolcottville.

Mr. Honaker had farmed when he was young. He was later employed by the B&O Railroad and Dana Corp., and was a superintendent at Transagram Midwest Inc. He was an 18-year representative of the U.A.W. and was owner/operator of Sycamore Pallets in Corunna for 25 years.

He served in the Navy Air Corps and was a World War II veteran.

He was born in Royalton, Ky., on Jan. 21, 1930, to Roy and Anna (Lewis) Honaker. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a companion, Mary Prucinsky of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, James D. and Angie Honaker of Thompkinsville, Ky., and Timothy R. and Sharon Honaker of Glenview, Ill.; a daughter, Julia Clare Honaker of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Janelle Ann and Steve Graber of Auburn; a brother, Keith Honaker of Wolcottville; a sister, Barbara Barnes of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren, Michelle Krock, Chad Honaker, Zach Honaker, Kevin Honaker, Brian Honaker, Daniel Graber, Rebekah Graber, Todd Honaker and Tara Honaker; as well as eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Mike Honaker, who died on July 13, 2001, and a brother, Robert "Bob" Honaker, who died Sept. 16, 2000.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville. The Rev. Jack Thomas, the Rev. Carldean Merrifield and the Rev. Robin LaRue will officiate. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2:30 to 7 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home on S.R. 9 in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne or the American Cancer Society.

Bob Walton

GARRETT — Bob Walton, 76, of Garrett died Monday, March 14, 2005, at his home.

Born in Warsaw, Mr. Walton was a math teacher at Leo High School for 23 years, retiring in 1988. He also taught physical education and coaching at Manchester College.

Mr. Walton

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the National Education Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association. He was a member, elder, deacon and past treasurer of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

He married his wife of 50 years, Rosemary Walton, on Dec. 27, 1954, in Kansas City, Mo. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Sherry Walton of Leo and Steve and Lynn Walton of Tucson, Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Sam LaTurner of Avilla; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Boyd and Leone (Miller) Walton; a grandson, Steven Zachary Walton; and two brothers, Norman and James.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 316 W. Fourth St., Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church or DeKalb County Hospice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Helen Runion

GARRETT — Helen L. Runion, 98, formerly of Garrett died Monday, March 14, 2005, at 4:45 a.m. at the Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Runion was a long-distance teletype operator with Bell Telephone in Fort Wayne for 21 years before retiring in 1964.

She was a lifetime Garrett resident until she moved to Fort Wayne in 1985.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett, the Harmony Chapter of the Eastern Star and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

She was born Feb. 14, 1907, in Mercer County, Ohio, to Morton and Alice (Parker) Dawson. They preceded her in death.

She married V. James Runion on Jan. 1, 1937, in Garrett. He died April 2, 1986.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Art Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

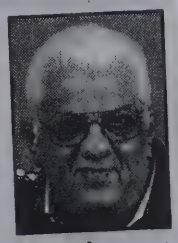
Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church or Town House Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

La Rue Springman

GOLDEN VALLEY, Ariz. — A memorial service for La Rue H. "Lee" Springman of Golden Valley, Ariz., and formerly of Auburn will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.



Mr. Springman

The Rev. Ken Yingling will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Springman, 69, died Feb. 9, 2005, in Golden Valley, Ariz.

He was employed for 28 years by Dana Spicer Clutch Division in Auburn, where he did various jobs, ending up driving a fork truck.

He was an avid bowler and bowled in the Dana League for many years and went to tournaments throughout the season. He also loved going fishing whenever he could. In his younger years, he enjoyed coin collecting. He also enjoyed watching old Westerns and listening to country music.

In 1997, after the death of his wife, he moved to Golden Valley, where he enjoyed exploring the deserts with his brother-in-law, Don. He loved the mountains. He kept a positive attitude despite losing his left leg to diabetes.

Mr. Springman spent time in Germany while he was in the Army, serving as a cook.

He was born April 15, 1935, in Williamsport, Pa.,

On Sept. 19, 1967, in Chicago he married Pat (Chorpenning) Elliott. They lived in Illinois for two years before moving to Auburn. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three children, Valerie Kemery of Golden Valley, Ariz., Marsha Kimborough of Angola, and Wayne Elliott of Golden Valley, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren, Amy Earnhardt of Indianapolis, Terrie Kemery of Waterloo, Michelle Schefelbein of Butler, Shaun Kemery of Huntertown, Sarah Hornett of Corunna, Bill Klug of Christmas, Fla., Jennifer Hernandez of Angola, Corey Klug of Angola, Shannon Graham of Angola and Amber Elliott of Angola; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Doris Zahorcik of Golden Valley, Ariz., and two brothers, David Bowman of Justice, Ill., and Mike Bowman of Santee, Ca.

He also was preceded in death by his father, Wilbur H. Springman, mother, Evelyn (Miller) Bowman, stepfather, Shorty Bowman, and a brother, Robert Bowman.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Eileen Schendel

GARRETT — Eileen L. Schendel, 85, of Garrett died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Schendel was a teacher for Garrett schools from 1940 to 1945 and was a bookkeeper at Haffner Stores from 1945 until her retirement in 1963.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church. She had lived in Garrett for the past 65 years.

She was born July 5, 1919, in Jay County to Arthur and Essie (Wilson) Haffner. They preceded her in death.

She married Melvin "Red" L. Schendel on Feb. 14, 1948, in Garrett. He survives

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Mary Schendel of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Greg Cochran of Auburn; and six grandsons, Beau, Bryce and Brett Schendel, all of Garrett, and Logan, Landon and Brennan Cochran, all of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and a sister.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Cassidy Hamm

GARRETT — Cassidy Hamm, 28, formerly of Garrett died Saturday, March 12, 2005, in Portland, Ore.

Mr. Hamm

Mr. Hamm was a 1995 graduate of Garrett High School, where he played basketball and football and ran cross country. He attended Indiana State University.

Surviving are his father, Mark Hamm of Bloomington; a grandmother, Louise Hamm of Garrett; an aunt and her husband, Jordan and Dan Yarde of Garrett; and uncle and his wife, Todd and Kathy Hamm of Auburn; a cousin, Austin Bower of Fort Wayne; and a dear friend, Marla Sandys of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jeanette Omernick, formerly of Bisbee, Ariz., and his grandfather, Charles Hamm, formerly of Garrett.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Dortha Gaskill

FORT WAYNE — Dortha Marie Gaskill, 91, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at her home.

Born in DeKalb County, she was a teacher's assistant at Franke Park Elementary School for 15 years, retiring in 1984. She was involved with Dorcas Ladies Society and was a member of Northside Missionary Church.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Patricia and Brad Knapper of Fort Wayne, Judy and Doug Short of Fort Wayne, Susan and Bill Krontz of Butler and Linda Anderson of San Diego, Calif.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim Gaskill of Fort Wayne and Dan and DeAnn Gaskill of Butler; a stepdaughter, Katherine Johnson of Angola; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or Northside Missionary Church.

Carol Waddell

FORT WAYNE — Carol J. Waddell, 67, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Rome City native, she had retired from Lincoln Life Insurance Co. in 2004.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge, American Legion of New Haven and the Navy Club and attended New Haven United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Patti Roberts of Butler and Kevin and Karen Roberts of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Chuck Wirick of Fort Wayne; and grandchildren Victoria, Katie, Darcy, Montana, Sierra, Jon and Cameron.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Thomas W. Waddell, in 1995; and a brother, Jack King.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

George Payton

GARRETT — George R. "Bob" Payton Jr., 56, of Garrett died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A lifelong Garrett resident, Mr. Payton worked for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for the past 19 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born July 25, 1948, in Garrett to George R. Payton Sr. and Arminda "Minnie" (Custer) Payton. They preceded him in death.

On Dec. 3, 1999, in Auburn he married Elsie "Jane" Quinn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Cory Payton of Auburn; four daughters, Jessica Foulk of Wolcottville, Bonnie Bolen of Rome City, and Crystal Tackels and Melissa Hinkle, both of Garrett; a stepgrandmother, MaryAnn Payton of Syracuse; a brother, Kim Payton of Corunna; two sisters, Marilyn Helmick and Jama Campbell, both of Garrett; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Slater officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by Garrett Post 178 of the American Legion.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Payton family.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Harry Rissner

KENDALLVILLE — Harry B. Rissner, 76, of Kendallville died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Rissner was a lifetime area resident and had retired in 1990 as a mechanic with Schmuck's Garage in Kendallville.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86, VFW Post 2749, Moose Lodge 1301 and Eagles Lodge 985.

Mr. Rissner was a World War II and Korean war Navy veteran.

He was born May 30, 1928, in Fairfield Center, DeKalb County, to William Carl and Mata (Strehse) Rissner. On April 13, 1978, in Kendallville, he married Thelma (Knutson) Williamson. She died June 12, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth W. and Diane Rissner of Kendallville and George and Louise Rissner of Garrett; a daughter, Marcia Fuleki of St. Joe; a daughter-in-law, Arleen Rissner of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Forker.

A service of remembrance will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the VFW chaplain officiating.

A gathering for friends will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ruth Reinoehl

GARRETT — Ruth E. Reinoehl, 72, of Garrett died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Reinoehl

Mrs. Reinoehl had moved to the nursing home 2 1/2 years ago from Avilla.

She had worked at Essex in Ligonier and was a member of Garrett Nazarene Church.

She was born April 10, 1932, in Albion to Thomas and Lera (Heltzel) Wirick. On June 8, 1956, she married Esta "Bud" Reinoehl. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a sister, Mary Belle Kline of South Milford; and a brother, Melvin Wirick of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Keif and Ruby Schaffer; and four brothers, Raymond Wirick, Walter Wirick, Robert Wirick and Alvin Wirick.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Frairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Tillie Long

AUBURN — Tillie Viola (Temple) Long, 93, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Long was a homemaker and had worked as a nurse at the Souder Hospital in Auburn.

She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, the DeKalb County Humane Society and the DeKalb County Historical Society.

She was a graduate of Morgan Township High School and the Chicago School of Nursing.

She was born May 16, 1911, in Morgan Township, in Harrison County, to Louis and Elizabeth (Dinklaker) Temple. They preceded her in death.

She married Donald R. Long on Feb. 10, 1932, in Central Barren. He died Feb. 19, 1981.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jeanette and Donald Inlow of Auburn and Judith Knapp of Auburn; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother; a granddaughter, Lori Inlow; and a great-grandson, Benjamin Houston.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Gene Woolever officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 1:45 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society or the DeKalb County Historical Society.

THE EVENING STAR

March 19 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Ann Sebert

AUBURN — Ann Sebert, 90, of Auburn died Friday, March 18, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Sebert was a former employee of Staman's Drug Store in Auburn and the Auburn Automobile Co. She retired in 1995 from Blackwell's Department Store in Auburn.

Mrs. Sebert

She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Sigma Beta Sorority, the DeKalb County Democratic Ladies Club and Greenhurst Country Club.

She was born Nov. 6, 1914, in Auburn to George W. and Ann Martha (Lumm) Koons.

She married Archie Sebert on April 6, 1947. He died Sept. 14, 1988.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Ann and Mike Ehinger of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Kevin Michael Ehinger and his wife, Amy, and Allison Brook Ehinger.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kevin Jon Sebert.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Amy Martinez

LIGONIER — Amy M. Martinez, 30, of Ligonier, died at 2:40 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2005, at her mother's residence.

Amy Martinez

She was born Feb. 11, 1975, in Kendallville to Rick Richards and Frances Baker. They survive.

She was a mother, homemaker, a lifelong Ligonier resident and loved to spend time with her family. She enjoyed shopping, reading and writing poetry, and also loved animals, especially the family cat, Salem.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are three sons, Luis Martinez, 14, Francisco Chavez, 9, and Michael Chavez, 6, all at home; a daughter, Karmin Martinez, 12, at home; a brother, David DePew of Wolcottville; two sisters, Angela Hall of Butler and Erin Collazo of Cromwell; and a stepmother, Elisha Richards of Ligonier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children.

Joan Schultz

AUBURN — Joan H. Schultz, 65, of Auburn died Friday, March 18, 2005, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She served as head nurse in the Lakeside Hospital emergency room in Brockport, N.Y., and was a nurse counselor in Batavia, N.Y. for several years.

On Nov. 30, 1939, in Hornell, N.Y., she was born to Wayne and Helen (Lindsey) Potter.

On Feb. 4, 1961, in Hornell, N.Y., she married Marvin E. Schultz. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy and Paul Golliff of Auburn, and Karen Schultz of Dallas, Texas; and five grandchildren, Brian, Liz and Adam Nan and Ben and Jason Dillinger.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Bill Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

THE EVENING STAR

March 20 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mrs. Lynch liked to care for others

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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HUDSON — On that day in October of 1963 when he took a tumble and broke his collarbone, David Lynch probably didn't think having done so was a good thing.

But as it turned out, that broken collarbone — and going to Marion hospital to have it treated — was a blessing in disguise, because that was where David met a nurse named Connie, who he would marry, raise four daughters with and be with for over 40 years.

"I was on my back for 17 days, so I had some time to think about her," David said.

He and Connie started dating shortly after he was back on his feet, and they were married on March 13, 1964. Together, they raised four daughters, Cynthia Diane, Teresa Kaye, Debra Sue and Tamara Lynn, and became the grandparents of Amber, Autumn, Robert, Bryan, Brady and David.

Mrs. Lynch

Connie, who had battled diabetes for more than 25 years, fell ill and died at home on March 6. If there was one thing people were going to remember about his wife, David said, he would want it to be how she always wanted to care for others.

"She liked to help other people," David remembered. "She was easygoing. She was a nurse all her life. That was all she ever wanted to do."

The Lynch family moved to Steuben County in the early 1970s. They began raising livestock as a sideline, and raised their four children on a farm. All the Lynch girls graduated from Prairie Heights High School.

"She always, always put friends and family first," Cindy said. "And taking care of people — that was her thing. I remember people sending her things to thank her for taking such good care of them."

Cindy said her mother went right from being a great parent to being a doting grandparent

"The children came first, and then after the children had children, the grandchildren came first," she said.

Cindy said her mother had been doing better, and that she had been planning on going to West Lafayette to visit Cindy and Tamara, who live there, when she fell ill.

"It was sudden," Cindy said quietly.

"If this had happened in December, it wouldn't have been such a shock. But she had been doing so much better."

THE EVENING STAR

March 21 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mark Richardson Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Mark Richardson Jr., 62, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 18, 2005, at 2:14 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Richardson was a Vietnam War veteran and served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years as a structural mechanic and instructor.

After moving to Fort Wayne four years ago from Monrose, Pa., he was a driver for the Fort Wayne Auto Auction.

Mr. Richardson was a member of American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 3, 1942, in Scranton, Pa., to Mark E. and Freda M. (Dailey) Richardson. On Nov. 16, 1963, in Montrose, Pa., he married Lorraine A. Tingley. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Mark A. Richardson of Lemoore, Calif.; a daughter, Joana M. Goddard of Avilla; and four grandchildren.

Services and calling will be private.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett was in charge of arrangements.

THE EVENING STAR

March 23 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Minnie Hollinger

FORT WAYNE — Minnie Hollinger, 87, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hollinger

A former Garrett resident, Mrs. Hollinger was a domestic engineer and attended the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She married Delbert O. Hollinger on Dec. 20, 1936, in Newville. He died in 1993.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Jim McKeever of LaOtto; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wilbur and Joyce Hollinger of Garrett and Danny and Crystal Hollinger of Garrett; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a stepgreat-great-grandchild; and three brothers, Charles Warstler, Lester Warstler and Robert Warstler.

She was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Hollinger; her parents, Orange and Ethel (Long) Warstler; two brothers, Perry Warstler and Walter Warstler; and a sister, Ruth Dirrim.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church, Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Caterer Parson dies at 66

LIGONIER — Janice Parson, 66, of Ligonier died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Parson

Mrs. Parson owned and operated Jan's Catering in Ligonier for 21 years before being forced into retirement due to illness.

She enjoyed cooking and accompanying her husband when he delivered RVs.

Mrs. Parson was a 1956 graduate of Silver Lake School. She gave her life to Christ in 1954 and became a member of Silver Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 6, 1938, in Disko, Ind., to Charles and Geneva (Madeford) Florey. On March 30, 1957, in Wabash, she married Dean A. Parson. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Valerie Parson of New Haven and Greg and Carmel Parson of Rome City; a daughter, Laura Scott of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Dixie and Terry Goodrich of South Whitley; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Leo and Norma Florey of Silver Lake, Monte and Mary Florey of Leesburg and Sharon Florey of North Manchester; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joyce and Jim Emerick of Florida, Carol and Orville Owens of Warsaw, Tony and Barb Parson of North Manchester, and Max and Louise Parson of Wabash; many nieces and nephews; childhood friends, Ruth Alice Druge Cox of Huntington and Serita Ring Leiter of Arizona; and six grandchildren, John, Chad, Tabitha, Ethan, Nicholas and Thalia.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Teena Lynn; her parents; her in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Parson; a brother, Larry Florey; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Patricia Parson; a niece, Heather Florey; and a nephew, Michael Emerick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness and the Rev. Robert A. Vick officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Goshen Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Anna Fisher

AUBURN — Anna Mary (Rakoczy) Fisher, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Loraine, Ohio, Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John the Fisher Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband of 68 years, Stanley Russell Fisher Sr. of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley Fisher Jr. and Carolyn Fisher of Pleasant Lake and Frank and Kathy Fisher of Leo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vera and Larry Leon of Auburn, Morene and Joseph Krempl of Seattle, Wash., and Marilynn and Richard Thulin of Sea Tac, Wash.; 26 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna (Phmosh) and Frank Rakoczy; two brothers, Frank and John Rakoczy; six sisters, Helen Rakoczy, Mary Wilfong, Elizabeth Gephart, Sophie Roberts, Martha Nichols and Ethel Rakoczy; a grandson, John; and a great-grandson, Kevin.

Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or St. John the Fisher Catholic Church.

Dorothy Kaiser

CLAYTON, Mich. — Dorothy Kaiser, 87, of Clayton, Mich., died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Lenawee County Medical Care Facility in Adrian, Mich.

Mrs. Kaiser was born March 2, 1918, in Waterloo to Wesley and Olive Dell (Koch) McBride. They preceded her in death.

She graduated from Waterloo High School.

She married Donald William Kaiser on Nov. 19, 1938, in Waterloo, and he died Nov. 9, 1969.

She moved to Adrian in 1945 and then to Clayton in 1955.

She was an active member of the Clayton United Methodist Church, serving in the choir, as a Sunday school teacher and board member. She was a former officer of the Clayton Extension Club, Clayton Women Club, Pythian Sisters and Past Chief's Club.

She worked for Hudson Area Schools in Michigan for more than 25 years as food service manager.

She will be remembered by her family and friends for her friendly hugs.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and William Frey of Adrian, Marsha and Thomas Stiverson of Hillsdale, Mich., and Sandra and Mike Garrison of Toledo, Ohio; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Trudy Camp, Wendy and Roy Cadieux, Kris Ann and Henry Nieto, Kelley Camp, Mark and Kyong Stiverson, Lori Stiverson and Grant Garrison; 13 great-grandchildren, Rici, Kelsie, Kevin and Michael Cadieux, A.J., Jared and Tre' Nieto, Kyleigh and Brandon Camp, Nick and Riley Amador, and Sam and Mina Kim-Stiverson; a sister, Donna Jean Tomkinson of Illinois; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Vivian Wyburn and Geneva Colvin.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home, 504 W. Main St., Hudson, Mich., with the Rev. Craig Pillow officiating. Burial will be in North Dover Cemetery at Clayton.

Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Clayton United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left at www.brownvanhemert.com.

Judy Cunningham

AUBURN — Judy M. Cunningham, 58, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., she was a truck driver for Pat Carter Transport for eight years.

Surviving are two sons, Marvin Wayne Axsom Jr. of Auburn and Paul Henry Axsom of Texas; a daughter, Donna Marie Johnston of Auburn; a brother, Terry Driling of Mesa, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Morgan Jr.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Anna Fisher

AUBURN — Anna Mary (Rakoczy) Fisher, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Loraine, Ohio, Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John the Fisher Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband of 68 years, Stanley Russell Fisher Sr. of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley Fisher Jr. and Carolyn Fisher of Pleasant Lake and Frank and Kathy Fisher of Leo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vera and Larry Leon of Auburn, Morene and Joseph Krempl of Seattle, Wash., and Marilynn and Richard Thulin of Sea Tac, Wash.; 26 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna (Phmosh) and Frank Rakoczy; two brothers, Frank and John Rakoczy; six sisters, Helen Rakoczy, Mary Wilfong, Elizabeth Gephart, Sophie Roberts, Martha Nichols and Ethel Rakoczy; a grandson, John; and a great-grandson, Kevin.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home. A rosary service will begin at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or St. John the Fisher Catholic Church.

Isaac Williams

SOUTH MILFORD — Isaac Edward "Ed" Williams, 55, of South Milford died at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital where he had been a patient 12 days.

Mr. Williams grew up in Floyd County, Ky. He moved to Noble County when he was 17.

He was a truck driver for Maple Tree in Elkhart. Prior to that he had driven trucks for Shenandoah and Star Fleet in Auburn.

Mr. Williams was a very active member of the Kendallville Assembly of God where he had served many years as a deacon.

He enjoyed watching Kentucky basketball, hunting, fishing, horses, pets, old cars, traveling, being outdoors and spending time with his family.

He was born Feb. 22, 1950, in Albion, Mich., to John E. and Opal Wanitta Williams. They are deceased. On Feb. 6, 1971, in Albion, Mich., he married Kathryn E. Coplin. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and his finacee, Joshua Williams and Rebecca Thews of South Milford; a daughter and her fiance, Melinda Williams and Travis Stackhouse of South Milford; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pauline and Jack Nelson of Las Vegas and Patricia and Scott Mills of Frankfort, Ill.; his in-laws, Irvin and Barbara Coplin of Avilla; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gloria Paulsen, Dianne Williams, Lillian Williams, Sharon Niccum, Bruce and Sharon Coplin and Christine and Kenneth Butler; nieces he helped raise, Karon Parker, Janie Conway and Sharon Greer; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers, John E. Williams Jr., Michael Williams, Ralph Williams, Joseph Williams and James Niccum; and a sister, Barbara Wright.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Carter Hicks and the Rev. Tom Neddersen officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Kendallville Assembly of God.

John Pearce Jr.

FORT WAYNE — John William Pearce Jr., 66, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Indiana Heart Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Pearce was a tool grinder with Navistar for 45 years and an emergency medical technician and firefighter. He was an Indiana UAW representative and former president of the board of Indiana Citizens Action Coalition.

He loved sailing and boating and was proud to be of Miami Indian heritage.

Surviving are three daughters, Elizabeth Evans of Perth, Australia, Laura Pearce of Syracuse and Nicole Hickson of Fort Wayne; a son, John Henry William Pearce of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and three sisters, Marcia Hulbert of Auburn, Gina Watkins of Herndon, Va., and Stacy Pearce of Florida.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

No services are planned.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Charles Price

SYRACUSE — Charles Edward "Ed" Price, 87, of Syracuse died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

He lived in Noble County as a child, moving first to Howe and then to Syracuse in 1959. He attended New Paris High School, and worked for 15 years at Syracuse Rubber, retiring in May 1982. He also worked at I.X.L. Cabinet Co. in Goshen.

On July 28, 1940, in Cosperville, he married Eleanor J. Hunter. He was a member of North Webster Church of God and its J.O.Y. senior group. He enjoyed ballroom dancing and square dancing.

Mr. Price

Surviving are his wife, of Syracuse; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dee Ann Pifer of Syracuse, Gloria and Don Edwards of Auburn and Sandi and George Lung of Pierceton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Anita Price of Cromwell and Gary and Sharon Price of Syracuse; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Virgil Price of Ligonier and Robert and Ilene Price of Defiance, Ohio; and a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Kenton Miller of Cromwell.

A sister, Betty LeMieux, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at North Webster Church of God on S.R. 13, with Pastor Jeff Boyer officiating. Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church or the Shriners, and can be made at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, or the church.

To send condolences, sign the register or light a memorial candle, visit www.demoney-grimes.com.

Glen Bergdall

AUBURN — Glen E. Bergdall, 85, of Auburn died Friday, March 25, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Bergdall was a farmer in DeKalb County, retiring in 1992. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born April 25, 1919, in Allen County to Russell J. and Nettie (Sites) Bergdall.

He married Ruth C. Gerig on Aug. 1, 1943. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dean Bergdall of Fort Wayne, Randy and Kathy Bergdall of Leo, Clark and Susan Bergdall of Garrett and Rex and Vicki Bergdall of Butler; one daughter, Marvene Rose of Concord, N.C.; one brother, Albert Bergdall of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Golda Shaw of Grabill and Mary Lepper of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William and Austin Bergdall.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 pm. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Eileen Bell

HARTFORD CITY — Eileen Bell, 81, of Hartford City died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 9 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Bell was a homemaker and a member of Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle. She was a resident of Blackford County until she moved two years ago to be closer to her son.

She was born Sept. 7, 1923, in Redkey, in Jay County, to Benjamin and Ollie (Tharp) Gothrup.

She married Russell Francis Bell on April 25, 1944, in Hopkinsville, Ky. He was World War II Army veteran and died Feb. 19, 1970.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Francis Lee and Judy Bell of Auburn and Robert A. Bell of Auburn; five grandchildren, Jeff Bell, Jason Bell, Chad Bell, Rachael Lieb and Brian Bell; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gilbert B. "Gil" Gothrup, and six sisters, Mazie Inman, Nell Cecil, Ruth Martin, Violet Davis, Grace Ellis and Ina McDermitt.

Services will be Wednesday Home, 509 North High St., Hartford City, with the Rev. Bobby Thomas officiating. Burial will be in the Hartford City Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Blackford County Community Foundation (Kids), P.O. Box 327, Hartford City, IN 47348.

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Smeltzer remembered as dedicated, respected

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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LAGRANGE — If there ever was a familiar face within the Prairie Heights community, it was Howard Smeltzer Jr. And he was known as a true friend to many.

Former longtime football coach Gordon Grabill remembered Mr. Smeltzer — whom he called "one of my very, very best friends" — as a man who was "very dedicated to his profession, and well-respected by his peers."

Howard L. Smeltzer Jr., 67, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He fell ill with a viral infection recently, and died unexpectedly. His death came as a shock to his family and the Prairie Heights community.

Mr. Smeltzer was a teacher and the athletic director at Prairie Heights School Corp. for many years. He began his tenure at the school in 1969, two years after Grabill, who was Prairie Height's head football coach, began working there.

"He was very knowledgeable about the administrators and athletic directors at other schools," Grabill said. "He probably knew every one in the state of Indiana."

In 1971, Mr. Smeltzer moved from Elkhart to LaGrange. That same year, he married Charleen Holsinger, who was working in the Prairie Heights school system.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

This undated photo shows Howard Smeltzer Jr. in his days at Prairie Heights.

Charleen said her husband was the best stepdad anyone could ask for. "I had three childen when I married Howard, and all through their high school years and as they all went to Purdue University and graduated, he was very supportive and happy to sacrifice to get the kids through school. We were the ones who wore the hand-me-downs," she said.

Mr. Smeltzer was a voracious fan of sports. His stepson-in-law, David Parkinson, who is married to Mr. Smeltzer's stepdaughter, Sara Gaetz, said Mr. Smeltzer used to tuck himself in the basement, flipping through channels to watch sports. He was very knowledgeable of area high school sports. Sitting near the door to his office were a stack of brackets, now incomplete, for this year's NCAA Men's Basketball Championships.

"He was very detailed, very thorough," Grabill said. "He was a phenomenal athletic director and teacher (he taught social studies)."

Grabill said even after Mr. Smeltzer retired, he continued to be a familiar face at Prairie Heights sporting events.

"He would still go to local games to support the Panthers," he said. "That's how he retained that base relationship with people who worked in the schools."

Grabill said Mr. Smeltzer was also a great fan of collegiate sports, particularly Indiana University and Purdue.

"He was a tremendous fan of all kinds of sports," he said.

Grabill said above and beyond everything else, to him, Howard Smeltzer was a good friend.

"He will be greatly missed," he said. "He's been a great friend. I can't say enough about him."

Although her husband loved sports of all types, more than one visit to antique stores tried his patience, Charleen said. "He was a goer to the basketball (or any type) games, he just loved sports," she said. "If I wanted to go to an antique store I could (only) go to one, because he was not an antiquer. But he's been great, we've had some great trips and a good life."

He stayed loyal to his Chicago Cubs, even when the chips were down. "(His friend) Mike can tell you he was a real Cubs fan. He tried to give up on them when they had their (professional baseball) strike, but he just couldn't do it."

A large circle of friends attests to Mr. Smeltzer's affectionate, fun-loving nature. "One of Howard's favorite things was to meet his friends in LaGrange or Ligonier for breakfast and talk," Charleen said.

"Seven guys from Ligonier came and told me how much they were going to miss him. ... He got more compliments, and people saying he was so friendly and always had a smile and a good word."

EDITOR'S NOTE *Reporter Yvonne Paske-Schroeder contributed to this report.*

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Barbara Stout

LAOTTO — Barbara Aletha Stout, 72, of LaOtto died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stout managed the cafeteria at LaOtto Elementary School for 22 years. She retired from the East Noble School Corp. in June 1994. She was a member of the LaOtto Fire Department Auxiliary and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

She was born Jan. 13, 1933, in DeKalb County to Edson and Mable (Grear) Days.

She married Carl Stout on June 2, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael John Stout of LaOtto and James Michael Stout of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Pamala Lee Babcock of LaOtto; a brother, Alfred Days of Corunna; three sisters, Joan Donat of Waterloo, Jacqueline Smith of Fort Wayne and Sally Cheek of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church at LaOtto. The Rev. Susan Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with a new location for services.*

Anna Fisher

AUBURN — Services for Anna Mary (Rakoczy) Fisher, 92, of Auburn will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. John the Fisher Catholic Church, 3333 Tillman Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Mrs. Fisher died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Loraine, Ohio, Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John the Fisher Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband of 68 years, Stanley Russell Fisher Sr. of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley Fisher Jr. and Carolyn Fisher of Pleasant Lake and Frank and Kathy Fisher of Leo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vera and Larry Leon of Auburn, Morene and Joseph Krempl of Seattle, Wash., and Marilynn and Richard Thulin of Sea Tac, Wash.; 26 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna (Phmosh) and Frank Rakoczy; two brothers, Frank and John Rakoczy; six sisters, Helen Rakoczy, Mary Wilfong, Elizabeth Gephart, Sophie Roberts, Martha Nichols and Ethel Rakoczy; a grandson, John; and a great-grandson, Kevin.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or St. John the Fisher Catholic Church.

Mazie Thomson

AUBURN — Mazie J. Myers Thomson, 87, of Auburn died Monday, March 28, 2005, in her home.

Mrs. Thomson worked as a cook at the St. Joe Conservation Club for 17 years and as a waitress at the 69 Restaurant in Ashley for 10 years.

She was secretary for DeKalb County Farm Bureau and a member of the Auburn Church of Christ. She loved to fish.

She was born March 9, 1918, in DeKalb County to John B. and Cora Mary. (Gramling) Brown.

She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1937.

She married her first husband, Hugh E. Myers, on July 15, 1939, and he died Oct. 5, 1992.

She married Roger S. Thomson on May 13, 1997, and he died Jan. 9, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ethan E. and Theresa Myers of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Nila J. and Larry Clear of Waterloo; a daughter-in-law, Nancy R. Fike of Angola; a sister-in-law, B. Almeda Brown of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Darrel G. Myers; and a brother, Cecil Brown.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ or DeKalb County Hospice.

Nettie Gingrich

AUBURN — Nettie L. Gingrich, 78, of Auburn died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Gingrich was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born March 11, 1927, in Belleville, W. Va., to Albert and Nellie (Hupp) Flinn. They preceded her in death.

She married Freddie T. Gingrich in 1967. He died in 1995.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Lisa Gingrich of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Tom Emerick of Auburn and Sonja and Jerry Groshon of Fremont; five brothers, Ira Flinn and Eugene Flinn, both of Ohio, Carl Flinn of Parkersburg, W. Va., Charles Flinn of Belleville, W. Va., and LeRoy Flinn of New Haven; three sisters, Alice Curran of Parkersburg, W. Va., Eleanor Criener of Columbus, Ohio, and Hazel Flinn of West Virginia; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at Fort Worth, Texas.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Additional calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth, Texas, with services there Saturday at 10 a.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

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Beatrice Schaefer

FORT WAYNE — Beatrice N. Schaefer, 98, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a native of Wisconsin.

Surviving are a daughter, Iris Shook of Spencerville; a grandson; two great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Harry Schaefer, in 1981; two sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from noon until 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

John Clark

PEORIA, Ill. — John Wesley Clark, 80, formerly of Auburn died Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 2:10 a.m. in McAllen, Texas.

Mr. Clark was a 1942 graduate of Auburn High School. He graduated with honors from Rose Polytechnic Institute in Terre Haute with an engineering degree and was awarded a Tau Beta Phi key.

He worked as a mechanical engineer in the research department at Caterpillar Inc. for 33 years.

He was a volunteer fireman in Marquette Heights and Chillicothe, Ill., including the fire department rescue squad. He served on the Chillicothe Library Board, the North Pekin School Board, the Chillicothe Zoning Board of Appeals and chaired the Illinois Valley Regional Library Board.

He served as an income tax assistant in Texas and as a driver for Chillicothe Township Senior Transportation.

He was a Boy Scout, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and served as chair of the administrative board, as a member of the church choir and as a Sunday school teacher.

He was a pilot in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He was born March 21, 1924, in Auburn to Homer Dale and Jessie Carnahan Clark.

He married Eva Mae Argubright on Sept. 10, 1944, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Janice and Dennis Haines of Olalla, Wash., Alicia and Steve Campbell of Portland, Ore., Carolyn and Donald Mack of Glendale Heights, Ill., and Sharon and Marty Minnes of Chillicothe; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Suthers of Cottage Grove, Ore.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Homer Dale Clark and Roland Royce Clark.

A memorial service and cremation have taken place.

Memorials are to Rescue 33, the Chillicothe Fire Department or his church's scholarship fund.

Golda Moughler

BUTLER — Golda M. Moughler, 96, of Butler died Monday, March 28, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Moughler was a homemaker. She was a member of Big Run Church of Butler, the Franklin Township Home Economics Club and the Wittenburg Guild.

She was born Aug. 26, 1908, in Bluffton to Zera and Emma (Kline) David.

She married Ollus L. Moughler on Dec. 18, 1929. He died March 9, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Clark M. and Grace Moughler of Montpelier, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Martha L. and Lyle Baird of Auburn, Mary Jane and Myron Stackhouse of Waterloo and Sandra J. and James F. Holmes of Butler; two brothers, Wendal David of California and Cecil David of Auburn; two sisters, Maxcine Burkhart of Auburn and Ida M. Snider of Melbourne, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters, in addition to her parents and husband.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Big Run Church of Butler. Pastor Richard Woolever will officiate. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Big Run Church.

Barbara Hanselman

ANGOLA — Barbara A. Hanselman, 61, of Angola died Monday, March 28, 2005, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hanselman owned and operated the Gageview Orchard in Angola for the past 35 years.

She was a member of the P.E.O., was worthy matron of the Eastern Star, was an active member of the Angola Community Theater and was an active volunteer for Project Health in Angola. She had many interests and hobbies.

She was born Nov. 28, 1943, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Robert J. and Beatrice L. (Munce) Crary. They preceded her in death.

She married Keith L. Hanselman on May 26, 1968. He died June 1, 2003.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cynthia and George Rehan of Sioux City, Iowa, and Susan and Gary Way of Ponca, Neb.; two nieces, Sara Rehan and Jennifer Way; two nephews, Adam Way and Jesse Way; a "son of the heart," John Price; and many friends.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Lake Gage Congregational Church, Angola, with the Rev. Steve Altman officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Project Health, 600 Williams St., Angola, IN 46703.

Evangeline Barnhart

CHURUBUSCO — Evangeline Blanche "Vange" Barnhart, 94, of Florissant, Mo., and formerly of Churubusco died Monday, March 28, 2005, at the Brent-Wood Nursing Center in Florissant. She had been in declining health for some time.

Mrs. Barnhart

Mrs. Barnhart and her husband had lived in Ohio, Utah, California, Kentucky and Missouri prior to moving to Churubusco in her retirement years.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and its UMW Grace Circle. She served as a volunteer for the Red Cross, Welcome Wagon and the Cancer Society.

Mrs. Barnhart was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed making hand-stitched quilts.

She was born Aug. 31, 1910, in Archbold, Ohio, to Solomon R. and Leona (Rebeau) Clingaman. On Nov. 5, 1930, she married Irving R. Barnhart. He died Dec. 22, 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger R. and Martha Barnhart of Churubusco; two daughters and a son-in-law, Myra Barnhart Talkington and Leona and Ray Page, all of Florissant; five grandchildren, Paul Barnhart and Michael Barnhart, both of Churubusco, and James Talkington, Jeanne Klein and LeAnn Chase, all of Florissant; several great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Minnie Brown; and two brothers, Laurel Clingaman and Clarence Clingaman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Evelyn Loomis

AUBURN — Evelyn E. Loomis, 87, of Auburn died Tuesday, March 29, 2005. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Loomis was a homemaker and a member of the Sturgis Missionary Church in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Dec. 27, 1917, in Garrett to Walter E. and Mable (Cashbaugh) Saxer.

She married Robert Loomis on May 2, 1946. He died Sept. 29, 1957.

Surviving are two sisters, Thelma Ringenberg and Harriett McQuown, both of Auburn; two brothers, Raymond Saxer of Garrett and Robert Saxer of Terre Haute; and a grandson, Robert Loomis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kent Allen Loomis; a daughter, Kathy Ann Loomis; three brothers, Lyman, Arthur and Ellsworth Saxer; and two sisters, Carolyn Saxer and Katherine Souder.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dale E. Gerig officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery at Sturgis, Mich.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ or the Sturgis Missionary Church.

Richard Dick

LAOTTO — Richard M. "Dick" Dick, 58, of LaOtto died Monday, March 28, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dick had lived in LaOtto for the past 25 years. He was a purchaser for SPX Contech in Auburn and attended the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Mr. Dick

He was born Dec. 21, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Melvin and Virginia (Lemmeale) Dick. They preceded him in death.

He married Susanne "Susi" M. Webb on Aug. 27, 1977, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jessica Dick of LaOtto; a brother, Charles Dick of Berlin, Md.; and three sisters, Sharon Smith of LaOtto, Marcia Malles of Albion and Mary Bolin of Decatur.

A celebration of life memorial service will be Saturday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Lois Watkins will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with a correction and new information about relatives.*

Nettie Gingrich

AUBURN — Nettie L. Gingrich, 78, of Auburn died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Gingrich was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born March 11, 1927, in Belleville, W. Va., to Albert and Nellie (Hupp) Flinn. They preceded her in death.

She married Freddie T. Gingrich in 1967. He died in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Lisa Gingrich of Fort Worth, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Tom Emerick of Auburn and Sonja and Jerry Groshon of Fremont; five brothers, Ira Flinn and Eugene Flinn, both of Ohio, Carl Flinn of Parkersburg, W. Va., Charles Flinn of Belleville, W. Va., and LeRoy Flinn of New Haven; three sisters, Alice Cole of Parkersburg, W. Va., Eleanor Criener of Columbus, Ohio, and Hazel Eddy of West Virginia; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl officiated. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at Fort Worth, Texas.

Additional calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth, Texas, with services there Saturday at 10 a.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

Larry Warner

FORT WAYNE — Larry E. Warner, 66, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at his home.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a tool grinder for General Electric. He had served in the U.S. Navy and his hobbies were photography and riding scooters.

Surviving are his wife, March C. Warner of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Anthony Warner of St. Joe and David and Raina Warner of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Wayne Bunn of Garrett, Mindy and David Hufford of Indianapolis and Julie and Paul Fulghum of Fort Wayne; a sister, Beverly Gensic of Markle; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, with burial at St. John Cemetery in Wells County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about family members.*

Mazie Thomson

AUBURN — Mazie J. Myers Thomson, 87, of Auburn died Monday, March 28, 2005, in her home.

Mrs. Thomson worked as a cook at the St. Joe Conservation Club for 17 years and as a waitress at the 69 Restaurant in Ashley for 10 years.

She was secretary for DeKalb County Farm Bureau and a member of the Auburn Church of Christ. She loved to fish.

She was born March 9, 1918, in DeKalb County to John B. and Cora Mary (Gramling) Brown.

She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1937.

She married her first husband, Hugh E. Myers, on July 15, 1939, and he died Oct. 5, 1992.

She married Roger S. Thomson on May 13, 1997, and he died Jan. 9, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ethan E. and Theresa Myers of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Nila J. and Larry Clear of Waterloo; a daughter-in-law, Nancy R. Fike of Angola; a sister-in-law, B. Almeda Brown of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Darrel G. Myers; a brother, Cecil Brown; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ivan and Betty Brown.

Services were Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ or DeKalb County Hospice.

Helen Riser

BUTLER — Helen Ruth Riser, 68, of Butler died Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Riser was a homemaker and a member of Zion United Baptist Church in Valentine.

She was born Dec. 10, 1936, in Jackson, Ky., to John and Bodie (South) Morris. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her fiance, Billy Wicker; two daughters and a son-in-law, Louise Turner of Akron, Ohio, and Carolyn and Ken Carter of Bryan, Ohio; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Donald Ray and Diane Morris of Hamilton, Garland Morris of Morristown, Tenn., and Larry W. and Anna Morris of Jackson; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Mildred Anderson of Hamilton, Tenn., Lois and Jim Hearn of Jonesboro, Ga., Virginia and Boyd Moore of Waterloo, Eunice and Elmer Couch of Jackson and Doris and Everett Crase of Jackson; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Virgil Ronnie Turner, and a brother, Marlin Morris.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Helmer Independent Baptist Church with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be today after 3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Connie McAlister

WATERLOO — Connie Lynette McAlister, 40, of Waterloo died Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at her home.

Ms. McAlister

Most of her life was spent as a caregiver. She also worked at Kaghann's Korner as a third-shift waitress until she was diagnosed with cancer in 2003.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, reading books, singing karaoke and cooking.

She was born Aug. 20, 1964, in Portland, Ore.

Surviving are two children, Blake and Jordon Gregory of Garrett; her father and stepmother, David McAlister Sr. and Linda McAlister of Portland; her mother, Ramona McAlister of Portland, Ore.; a brother and sister-in-law, David McAlister Jr. and Peggy McAlister of Waterloo; three brothers, Mike McAlister, Jeff McAlister and David McAlister, all of Oregon; 10 nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

THE EVENING STAR

April 1 2005 Auburn, Indiana

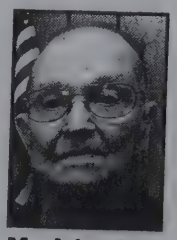
Longtime Angola businessman Blaine Arkwright dies at 87

ANGOLA — Blaine Arkwright, 87, died Thursday, March 31, 2005, at Lakeland Health Care in Angola.

He owned and operated Arkwright TV Service from 1953-1983, when he retired. He was a member of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission local board for 38 years, and also served on the board for the Steuben County Council on Aging. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose for more than 55 years, and American Legion Post No. 31 for 60 years. He was also a voyageur of The Forty and Eight. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He had also worked for Wayne Pump Co. with the British government as an inspector of shells.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army in August 1943, trained in California for artillery and anti-aircraft and then attended mines and demolition school, for which he became an instructor. He served in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Bavaria with the U.S. Army anti-aircraft during World War II.



Mr. Arkwright

He was born Feb. 12, 1918, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to Weir and Hazel (Hershey) Arkwright. He graduated high school in Camden, Mich., and on June 14, 1941, he married Geneva "Gene" (Eisenhour) Arkwright. His wife survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Terry Joe Arkwright of Warsaw; two grandchildren, Amy Boulware and Shelby Elias; two stepgrandchildren, Mark McCormack and Melissa Jeffries; three great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

An infant son, Gary, preceded him in death in 1947 and a brother, Carl, is also deceased.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, with military rites by Angola American Legion Post No. 31. Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging and Cameron Hospice.

Patsy Bratton

ANGOLA — Patsy E. Bratton, 75, died Thursday, March 31, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bratton

She graduated from Angola High School in 1947 and later attended Fort Wayne Art School. She enjoyed working with youth programs, and was a Cub Scout den mother for several years and a teen program volunteer.

She was a past president of the Angola Ladies Fire Department and the Steuben County Republican Women's Club and a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She joined Beta Sigma Phi sorority in 1949, and became a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi International. She was past president of the Laureate Alpha Mu chapter in Angola.

She was employed for many years in the office of Golden Auto Parts, of which she was a part-owner, retiring in 1994.

She was born Sept. 3, 1929, in Auburn to Vincent and Beulah (Lower) Cremean. On Sept. 17, 1950, at the Angola Church of Christ, she married Richard Bratton of Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Barbara Bratton of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Michael Orr of Alpena, Mich.; a great-granddaughter; and a stepgreat-granddaughter.

Her father died in 1929 and her mother in 1998. Her stepfather, Oscar Parsons, preceded her in death in 1973, and her daughter, Patricia Haifley, in 1978.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services Saturday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola. Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Linda Lutter

LAOTTO — Linda Kay Lutter, 48, of rural LaOtto, died Friday, April 1, 2005, at 4:15 a.m. at the family residence in Swan Township.

Mrs. Lutter

She had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past year.

Always active as a farm wife, she assisted her husband in operating the family farm in Swan Township and also owned and operated the Farmer's Corner Restaurant in LaOtto from 1981 to 1993.

Mrs. Lutter was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, was a past president of the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and co-authored two cookbooks with her mother.

She was born May 19, 1956, in Garrett to Dale E. and Betty (Strong) Adams. She spent her formative years on the family farm east of LaOtto and graduated from Garrett High School in 1974.

On June 7, 1974, she married Randy J. Lutter in LaOtto. The couple spent their entire married lives in the same home northwest of LaOtto.

Surviving are her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeremy and Jennifer Lutter and Jason and Amanda Lutter, all of LaOtto; her mother, Betty Adams of LaOtto; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Shelly Adams of LaOtto; a grandson, Brian Lutter; and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dale E. Adams, on July 18, 1994.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto with Pastor Sue Socha officiating. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery north of LaOtto.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Patsy Bratton

ANGOLA — Patsy E. Bratton, 75, died Thursday, March 1, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bratton

She graduated from Angola High School in 1947 and later attended Fort Wayne Art School. She enjoyed working with youth programs, and was a Cub Scout den mother for several years and a teen program volunteer.

She was a past president of the Angola Ladies Fire Department and the Steuben County Republican Women's Club and a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She joined Beta Sigma Phi sorority in 1949, and became a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi International. She was past president of the Laureate Alpha Mu chapter in Angola.

She was employed for many years in the office of Golden Auto Parts, of which she was a part-owner, retiring in 1994.

She was born Sept. 3, 1929 in Auburn to Vincent and Beulah (Lower) Cremean. On Sept. 17, 1950, at the Angola Church of Christ, she married Richard Bratton of Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Barbara Bratton of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Michael Orr of Alpena, Mich.; a granddaughter and her husband, Shannon and Nathan Shatto of Angola, and a step-grandson and his wife, Joshua and Jessery Orr of Alpena; a great-granddaughter; and a stepgreat-granddaughter.

Her father died in 1929 and her mother in 1998. Her stepfather, Oscar Parsons, preceded her in death in 1973, and her daughter, Patricia Haifley, in 1978.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before services Saturday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola. Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Harold Strait

NORTH MUSKEGON, Mich. — Harold Dale Strait, 87, of North Muskegon, Mich., died Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at Hackley Hospital.

He and his wife were the proprietors of Harold's Gulf and Harold's Northshore Mobil of North Muskegon from 1948 to 1977.

After retiring, he enjoyed wintering in Zephryhills, Fla., and traveling with the Airstream Trailer Club. He loved making wind spinners, doing word search puzzles, fishing, bowling and spending time with his beloved dog, Toby. He enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and customers from his business.

He was born July 13, 1917, in Hart, Mich., to Benjamin and Jennie (Vaneps) Strait.

He married Verna D. Smith on July 18, 1936. She survives.

He is survived by five daughters and four sons-in-law, Karel and Tom Dawe, Maxine and Mike Gilmore, Vernita and Charlie Miller of Auburn, Linnea Strait and her fiance, Terry Mortenson, and Becky and Bob Wells of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Joan Strait and Don and Terri Strait; a daughter-in-law, Linda Strait; 21 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Audrey and Sharon; a son, Ron; a granddaughter, Lori; a sister, Evelyn Critchett; a half-sister, Mary (Haughey) Bates; and two half-brothers, Tom and Bill Haughey.

Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m. at the Clock Funeral Home, Muskegon. A memorial service begin at 2 p.m. in the Clock Chapel with the Rev. Dwight Reed officiating.

A private burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left at www.clockfuneralhome.com.

Peggy Schultz

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Peggy L. Schultz, 71, of Leo-Cedarville, died Thursday, March 31, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schultz was a licensed practical nurse at St. Joseph Hospital and was the former owner of Traces of Time Antique Shop in Leo.

She was born April 10, 1933, in Whitley County to Doc and Ada (Spaw) Cramer.

She married Clayton Carl Schultz on Oct. 17, 1952, in Fort Wayne. He died Aug. 21, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Shirley Schultz of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Denise Bauserman of Monroeville; a stepson and his wife, Charles and Linda Schultz of Port Orchard, Wash.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Susan and John Treager of Arnold, Mo.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Carole Cramer of Auburn; and a sister, Donna Snyder of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Nancy Christlieb.

Vivian Koon

KENDALLVILLE — Vivian E. Koon, 88, of Kendallville died Friday, April 1, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Koon

Mrs. Koon was born July 8, 1916, in Hudson to Henry and Evalina (Myers) Opdycke. She married Frank M. Koon on Aug. 18, 1934, in Hudson, and he preceded her in death on June 3, 1966.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Phyllis and John Warner of Englewood, Fla., Dorothy Clark of Decatur, Ala., and Harriet Rose of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Leonard and Pat Koon of Findlay, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Marian Opdycke of Pleasant Lake; 19 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandson; a son-in-law; two brothers, Floyd and Herman Opdycke; and two sisters, Maddie Opdycke and Addie Giradot.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences can be left online at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

THE EVENING STAR

April 3 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mr. Arkwright was well-known, 'well-liked'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Blaine Arkwright never knew a stranger, and was a man who made friends easily.

"He was well-liked," said his wife, Gene, with who he would have celebrated a 64th wedding anniversary on June 14.

Mr. Arkwright died Thursday at Lakeland Heath Care Center in Angola. He was 87.

"He was a good teacher, someone who demanded that I be honest and a good person. He wouldn't tolerate anything less," said Mr. Arkwright's son, Terry. "He taught me some good values and to treat people fairly."

Those lessons, Terry said, are something he remembered and has tried to pass on to his own children.

"Thank God, I think I've been fairly successful," he said. "I have two wonderful daughters."

Mr. Arkwright was a well-known businessman in Angola, as he owned Arkwright TV Service from 1953 to1983. A civic-minded man, he served on the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission local board for 38 years (and was recently honored for those years of service), and also served on the board for the Steuben County Council on Aging.

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Blaine and Gene Arkwright of Angola.

"He certainly went out and worked on a lot of elderly women's TV sets when they needed them fixed right now," Gene said with a smile in her voice. "When he first started the business, he was the one who went out and made all the calls."

Gene said her husband enjoyed his work and loved owning his shop, but when the time to retire came around, he was ready.

Mr. Arkwright enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, and served his country during World War II.

"He really wouldn't talk about his time in the service too much," Terry said of his father. "All I know is it was really awful, and he was glad to come home."

Mr. Arkwright fell ill several months ago. He had a heart valve replaced, then suffered an infection and a mild stroke. He had a pacemaker put in, and was diagnosed with cancer this past winter. At the end, he had to go to a nursing home when Gene couldn't care for him alone anymore.

"Those girls there were so good to him," Gene said. "He was really afraid of having to go there, but he sure changed his mind."

Gene said although she will miss her husband terribly, she is glad that his suffering is over.

"The way he'd been at the end, it was kind of a blessing for him," she said.

Terry said his mother, although tired now, will be all right.

"She's a special lady, and she and my father had a lot of good years together," he said.

Robert Gaff

AUBURN — Robert E. "Gene" Gaff, 83, of rural Auburn and formerly of Churubusco, died at 11:55 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2005, at Harborside Healthcare in New Haven following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Gaff

He was the owner and operator of Gaff's Tin Shop in Churubusco from 1960 to 1997, when he retired.

He was born July 19, 1921, in Churubusco to Roy and Alice (Hull) Gaff. He spent his formative years in Churubusco, where he graduated high school in 1941. He served with the Army Air Corps in World War II.

On Sept. 17, 1955, he married Mildred Rosenogle in Angola. They moved to Auburn in 1997.

Mr. Gaff was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and also the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Melanie Gaff of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Parker of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters, Betty Gaff and Ellen Griffin, both of Churubusco; a brother and his wife, Ralph and Dorothy Gaff of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of the Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be at Sweet Cemetery in Noble County.

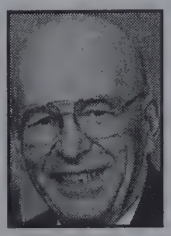
Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

William Hjelm

GARRETT — William Howard Hjelm, 76, of Garrett died Friday, April 1, 2005, at his residence.

He was a farmer most of his life; for 22 years in rural Topeka and for 21 years farming the Schultess farm on Taylor Road, retiring in 1989. He worked at the Super Wash in Garrett.



Mr. Hjelm

He was a Sunday school teacher for many years at the Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn.

He was born July 2, 1928, in Chicago to Harvey and Clara (Howard) Hjelm. He married Frances M. Warner on June 28, 1969, in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Daniel and Mary Hjelm of Garrett, Kenneth and Connie Croy of Auburn, and Calvin Croy of Houston, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Ted Swihart of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Harve and Sharon Hjelm of Arkansas; a sister, Louise Mawhorter of Cincinnati, Ohio; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn, with pastor Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church or DeKalb Memorial Home Health & Hospice.

Marlene Kay Belcher

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Marlene Kay Belcher, 49, of Defiance, Ohio, died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Belcher was a homemaker and an honors graduate of Northwest State Community College as a paralegal. She attended the First Church of God in Defiance.

She was born Jan. 23, 1956, in Auburn to Russel and Helen (Spaulding) Hoffer. He father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Gotha, Fla.

She married Ronnie Belcher on Sept. 5, 1980. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Miranda K. Belcher, at home; a son, Jordan L. Belcher of Defiance, Ohio; and a sister, Anita Millwald of Gotha, Fla.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. Indiana time in Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, 1753 S. Clinton St., Defiance, with the Rev. Bryan Maxey officiating. Interment will be at Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Patsy Erne

WOODBURN — Patsy Elaine McConnel Erne, 77, of Woodburn died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at The Cedars in Leo.

She was involved in child evangelism and loved sharing with children about Jesus.

A native of Wisconsin, she was a member of the Westwood Fellowship Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Jay Herb of Woodburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis and Kerilyn Erne of Charlotte, N.C., James and Kathy Erne of St. Joe and John and Rita Erne of New Haven; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Westwood Fellowship Church, 4100 Becker Road, Woodburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8, p.m. and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan is handling arrangements.

Steven Waters

AUBURN — Steven C. Waters, 63, of Auburn died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at 6:25 a.m. in his home.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Waters had lived in Auburn for 30 years. He worked as a pressman for Fort Wayne Newspapers for 42 years, retiring in 2001. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Sally J.; a son, Jon D. Waters of Waterloo; two daughters, Lorri L. Haber and Jill A. Skaggs, both of Auburn; a sister, Jackie Nicholls of North Augusta, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

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Salome Lockhart

BUTLER — Salome C. Lockhart, 85, of Butler died Saturday, April 2, 2005, at 11:50 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

She had worked as a machinist at Universal Tool & Stamping in Butler.

She was born Jan. 2, 1920, in Butler to Jaspar and Clara Pepper.

She married Herbert Lockhart in March 1954 in Bryan, Ohio. He died Aug. 23, 1959.

Surviving are two sons, Herbert Lockhart Jr. of Bluffton and James Lockhart of Butler; two daughters, Ellen Myers of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Alice Richmond of Pedro, N.M.; and 13 grandchildren.

A son, Paul Myers, preceded her in death.

No services or calling are planned. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

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April 5 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Margaret Leslie

ROME CITY — Margaret Marie Leslie, 89, of Rome City died Monday, April 4, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Leslie had been a homemaker and farmer. She had also worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and the Rimmell Hat Shop in Kendallville.

She was born July 27, 1915, in Kendallville to Charles and Anna (Schmidt) Burger. On Jan. 27, 1944, in Brimfield, she married John A. Leslie. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ira and Deb Leslie of Ashley; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sue Smith, Jane Leslie and Sally and Kenneth Freed, all of Rome City; six grandchildren, Amy Salmons of Avilla, Joe Freed of Rome City, John D. Leslie of Kendallville, Jeff Leslie of Waterloo, Chris Swanson of Pflugerville, Texas, and Kelly Ritter of Auburn; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Ralph Burger.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Wayne Kerns

GADSDEN, Ala. — Wayne Leroy Kerns, 86, of Gadsden, Ala., died Feb. 16, 2005, after an extended illness.

Mr. Kerns was born in Waterloo to John A. and Nora Pifer Kerns.

He attended Purdue University and the University of Alabama-Gadsden Center.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving four years in World War II and the Korean War. While he was a supply sergeant with the 206th Amphibious Truck Co. of the Transportation Corps in Thule, Greenland, his unit was ordered to complete a military base within a very limited time before the passage route became frozen over. His other military duties includes service in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Alabama National Guard.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden, the Wesley Fellowship Sunday school class, the Gadsden Lions Club, Masonic Lodge 236 and the American Philatelic Society. His favorite pastime was fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor Simmons Kerns; a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Michael Weaver of Lancaster, Pa.; a granddaughter, Jill Weaver of Elkton, Del.; a grandson, Scott Weaver of Lititz, Pa.; a brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Mary Kerns of Houston; a sister, Ruth Stebing of Waterloo; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted Feb. 19 in Gadsden, with burial in Forrest Cemetery.

C. Benjamin Knott

DUNDEE, Fla. — C. Benjamin Knott, 68, of Dundee, Fla., died Saturday, April 2, 2005, in Dundee.

Mr. Knott

Mr. Knott moved from Auburn to Dundee in 1996.

He was a truck driver for Ruan Trucking. He had served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Indiana Air National Guard. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Haines City, Fla.

He was born Oct. 29, 1936, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Connie (Warren) Knott of Dundee; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Debora Behler of Michigan, Barbara and Mark Dehebread of Indiana, Shari and John Fretz of Indiana and Tina Kunkel of Indiana; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stanley Allen Knott and Jennifer Knott and Troy Lung, all of Florida; three sisters, Lisa Savoy and Sharon King, both of Florida, and Sheryl Harvey of Indiana; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 10 a.m. Indiana time at the First United Methodist Church, 21 S. 2nd St., Haines City.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, Haines City.

Oak Ridge Funeral Care of Haines City, Fla., is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be posted at www.oakridgefuneralcare.com.

Delta Seely

HUNTERTOWN — Delta L. Seely, 82, of Huntertown died Monday, April 4, 2005, at her home.

She was an assistant to the director, business office and institutional research at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for 21 years, retiring in 1986. She was a Peru native and a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto.

Surviving are her husband, Robert R. Seely; a daughter, Coleen A. Seely of White Bear Lake, Minn.; a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Brenda Seely of Auburn; three grandchildren, Devin, Candice and Elizabeth Seely of Auburn; and a brother, Lowell Swick of Pierceton.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Pamela Seely; two sisters; and four brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto.

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John Tustison

SPENCERVILLE — John Phillip Tustison, 66, of Spencerville died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Tustison retired from Hoham & Smith Co. in Auburn. He was an avid gardener and bird lover.

He was born June 3, 1938, in Spencerville to Carl and Gaylon (Goldsmith) Tustison.

Surviving are two sisters, Marilyn Miles of Huntertown and Nancy Praul of Auburn; four nephews; three nieces; four great-nephews; seven great-nieces; five great-great-nephews; and three great-great-nieces.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Spencerville Covered Bridge Festival, P.O. Box 4, Spencerville, IN 46788 or the DeKalb County Heart Association, 271 N. McClellan St., Apt. 106, Auburn, IN 46706.

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Burned foundry worker dies

DeKalb graduate remains critical

FORT WAYNE (AP) — An employee who was seriously burned at a magnesium foundry died Wednesday, less than a day after a brief but powerful fire.

"We lost one of our men this morning," said Nancy McNabb, co-owner of the National Magnesium & Aluminum Foundry.

WANE-TV identified the victim as Edel Laguna, 42.

At least four other employees, out of about 14 who worked there, were hurt in the fire Tuesday afternoon.

The fire engulfed the back room of the foundry on the city's west side, but the flames were nearly out by the time firefighters arrived minutes later. Crews used dry chemicals and sand instead of water to extinguish magnesium still smoldering, said Bob Amber, a spokesman for the Fort Wayne Fire Department.

The foundry owners' son, Kevin McNabb, remained in critical condition Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He is a graduate of DeKalb High School in Waterloo.

"I got to see him last night very briefly," Nancy McNabb said.

She also visited with two other male employees who were in serious condition.

"Those men are part of our lives. They're like family," Nancy McNabb said.

One other employee was treated for injuries and released.

Foundry worker Joel Flotow said he and Kevin McNabb were disassembling an old oven when a small fire started near a saw.

McNabb immediately began spreading dry chemicals to extinguish the fire, he said.

"The fire was not that big, probably 3-foot high," Flotow said. "Then, about 15 to 20 seconds later, the flame become really big. There was no big boom or something. It just got big."

The combustion momentarily engulfed at least half of the room, he said.

The Indiana Department of Labor said an investigator was being sent to the foundry to review the fire.

James Beck

BUTLER — James O. Beck, 71, of the Butler and Hamilton area died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beck was a former longtime Fort Wayne resident. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he retired in 1995 from Kleenit Corp.

He was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 409 in Leo, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and was a life member of the U.S. Marine Corps League.

Surviving are his wife, Donna M. Beck; a daughter, Cynthia Young of Butler; three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul A. and Pam Beck and Keith E. and Tracey Beck, all of Auburn, and Craig E. and Renee Beck of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Marcella Quinn and Cathy and Jim Bruggner, all of Fort Wayne; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jack L. and Estelle Beck of Weston W. Va., Fred Beck of Fort Wayne and Steve and Kathy Woodward of Garrett; seven grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Beck and Dorothy Beck Woodward; a daughter, Denise Bloom; a sister, Phyllis Decker; and two brothers, Raymond Beck and Tom Woodward.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens with military honors.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mollie Jones

BUTLER — Mollie J. Jones, 88, of Butler died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at 2:05 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was employed as a waitress at Syracuse University for 25 years.

She was born March 31, 1917, in Syracuse, N.Y., to John and Dominika (Caban) Brudzdinski.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and David Bish of Leo.

Services will be at a later date in Syracuse. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery at Syracuse.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, is handling arrangements.

John Hite

FORT WAYNE — John Burl Hite, 85, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, April 7, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Huntington, Mr. Hite was the principal at Wawaka School from 1952 to 1955, principal at Lake Township, Arcola, from 1955 to 1966, and worked in counseling and guidance at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 15 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, a member of the Arcola Lions Club, a member of local and state teachers associations, a life member of the I.U. alumni, a Wesleyan Sunday School member and a member of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Fort Wayne; two sons, Michael E. Hite of St. Joe and Patrick A. Hite of Plano, Texas; a daughter, Cheryl L. Hite-Bolman of Angola; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his father, Harvey Hite of Warren; and a sister, Elnora June Burton of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Edith Hite, and a brother, Charles Dean Hite.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church Men's Club.

Esther Beam

AUBURN — Esther Elizabeth Beam, 91, of Auburn died Thursday morning April 7, 2005, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Beam

She was born March 9, 1914, in Morrow County, Ohio, to Edward and Ima (Young) Shier.

She graduated from Mount Gilead High School in Ohio.

A homemaker, she married Harold E. Beam on June 13, 1935, and they moved from Johnsville, Ohio, to Erie, Pa., in 1957. Her husband preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1995.

Mrs. Beam moved to Auburn in October 1998 from Tampico, Ill.

In Auburn, she was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church, where she enjoyed the Senior Ministry as well as the fellowship of the Heimach Senior Center.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia C. Huffman of Shelby, Ohio, and Peggy A. and Fred Kurtz of Auburn; three grandchildren and their spouses, Loren and Gulzat Huffman of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Kevin and Tina Kurtz of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Kimberly and Dan Ginder of Fort Wayne; five great-grandchildren, Esther Elizabeth Huffman, Brody, Ethan and Kylee Kurtz, and Bryce Ginder; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Frances Shier of Charlotte, N.C.; two sisters-in-law Helen Beam of Lexington, Ohio, and Joyce Beam of Mansfield, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Danny Joe Beam; a granddaughter, Denise Diane Huffman; and two sisters, Theresa Heitzman and Eileen Gleason.

Services will be Monday at 9 a.m. Indiana time in Lexington Avenue Snyder Funeral Home at Mansfield, Ohio. Burial will be in Shauck Cemetery at Shauck (Johnsville) Ohio.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

Jimmie Reynolds

LOUISVILLE, Ohio — Jimmie Reynolds, 71, of Louisville, Ohio, died Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at Aultman Hospital.

Born June 14, 1933 in Auburn, Mr. Reynolds worked for AEP as a mechanical engineer and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Louisville, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the DeKalb Masonic Lodge and A.S.H.R.A.E.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Kurt and Mary Pat and Kevin and Penny Jo, all of Louisville, and Calvin and Kathy Reynolds of Malvern, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Christopher, Michael, Katherine, Caroline, Bryan, Jonathan and Joseph; several nieces and nephews; a half brother, John Batch; and a half sister, Susan Cowgill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ladean (Manon) Reynolds in 2004, his father, Melvin Reynolds, and his brother, Tom Reynolds.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Manon officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North Canton Medical Foundation.

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John Walter

AUBURN — John Walter, 95, of Auburn died Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Walter was a lifetime Union Township farmer, retiring in 1982. He was a member of First Christian Church in Auburn, served in all leadership positions in the church and was very active in the men's fellowship. He also was very active in the Heimach Senior Center and served as its president for one year.

Mr. Walter

He liked to take credit for helping Auburn's growth by developing 150 acres of farm land on Auburn's east side into housing in the 1950s.

He was born Oct. 2, 1909, in Corydon, in Harrison County, to William and Margaret (Mathis) Walter. They preceded him in death.

On April 15, 1939, he married Edith Ann (Iden) Walter. She died May 1, 1987.

Surviving are several cousins.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center.

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Vallis Huff

GARRETT — Vallis Huff, 82, of Garrett died early today, April 11, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

E. Frank Bidlack

AUBURN — E. Frank Bidlack, 76, of Auburn died Monday, April 11, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bidlack

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1985 after 27 years in sales with Rea Magnet Wire. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955.

He was a member of Southgate Lodge F&AM, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. He was a past patron of Fort Wayne Chapter 432 Order of Eastern Star, a past director of Mizpah Shrine Chanters, a men's choral group, and a member of the Rea Magnet Wire 25-year club.

He was a past director of the St. Mark's Men's Chorus and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Bidlack of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Inge and Arthur Secrest of Pennsylvania; a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Mary Bidlack of Akron, Ohio; two grandchildren and their spouses, Tiffany and Jim Carr of Ohio and Kristen and Jeremy Leister of Pennsylvania; and a great-grandchild, Ella Leister of Pennsylvania.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

Forest Fett

LEO — Forest F. "Cork" Fett, 58, of Leo died Sunday, April 10, 2005, at his home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he worked at Citation Bohn Aluminum in Butler and formerly at Sheller Globe in Grabill. He was a former bass player and singer with Brand X and The Fugitives.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria G. Fett of Leo; a son, Troy A. Fett of Leo; a daughter, Torie A. Fett of Leo; three sisters, Donna Jean Chester of Fort Wayne, Barbara Pulver of Crescent City, Fla., and Norma L. Conner of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Dennis D. Fett of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Melda Fett; three sisters, Rosie Yoder, Henrietta Sprankles and Janice Fett; and a brother, Richard Fett.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be today from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Darryl Owen

ALBION — Darryl J. Owen, 62, of Albion died at 10:26 a.m. Sunday, April 10, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Owen was a longtime dairy farmer and painter. He had lived in the area most of his life.

He was very active in the draft horse associations in Noble and DeKalb counties. He loved horses and fishing.

Mr. Owen was born Feb. 17, 1943, in Garrett to Homer and Sarah (Gaff) Owen. On Oct. 1, 1960, in Albion, he married Barbara S. Osborne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Del and Ruth Owen of Albion; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Laramie and Gary Ramey, Teresa and Brad Ebey and Sarah and Brad Dreibelbis, all of Albion, and Brandy Owen and her fiance, Donny Griffith, of Syracuse; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and Richard Caskey of Ligonier, Kay and Wilber Freeman of Marion and Janice and Dale Geiger of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Jane Owen of Albion and Dennis and Wanda Owen of Lafayette; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion North Ridge Chapel, with the Rev. Ben Archer officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Noble or DeKalb draft horse associations.

Vallis Huff

GARRETT — Vallis Huff, 82, of Garrett died Monday, April 11, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Huff worked as a coal miner for 50 years in Kentucky. He was a member of New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

He was born Jan. 12, 1923, in Knott County, Ky., to Troy and Sarah (Sloan) Huff.

He married Sadie Keens on Dec. 13, 1956, in Knott County and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ransom and Charlene Huff of Rome City, Vallis Huff Jr. and Jackie Huff of Garrett and Jimmy and Carol Huff of Wolcottville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Yvonne and Wayne Griffith of Wolcottville and Elma Glee and Jeff Wickline of Garrett; three brothers, Coy Huff of Raven, Ky., John Huff of Fort Wayne and Carson Huff of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alex and Russell Huff; a sister, Lorie Thornesbury; and a daughter, Annetta Huff.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in New Freedom Baptist Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday after 4 p.m. at the church. An evening service will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

DuWayne Dilley

AUBURN — DuWayne P. "Bub" Dilley, 62, of Auburn died Saturday, April 9, 2005, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Dilley was a machine operator for Rieke Corp. for 31 years. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School and a member of the LaGrange Flywheel Gas Engine Club and the Indian Village Church of God.

Surviving are his wife, Linda of Auburn; a sister, Phyllis Carman of Warsaw; a brother, Leon Dilley of Plainfield; eight sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law; his mother-in-law; many nieces and nephews; an uncle, Harvey Rennecker of Auburn; and his mother, Veleria Barnhart of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Dilley.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God at Erie Pass and Superior Drive, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank or Souls Harbor Assembly of God.

Lynn Mitchell

AUBURN — Lynn E. Mitchell, 50, of Auburn died this morning, April 12, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Mitchell served as a registered nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 28 years.

She was a graduate of the Parkview Methodist School of Nursing and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 16, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Harold B. and Betty J. (Meyer) Brinkman. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Patrick J. Mitchell on July 13, 1974, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jonathan P. Mitchell of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jaime L. Michael Meyer of Fishers, and Abigail E. Mitchell of Auburn; four brothers, Thomas Brinkman and Lawrence Brinkman, both of Auburn, Daniel Brinkman of New Haven, Conn., and Dr. John Brinkman of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Judy Schiffli of Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Dave Carkenord will officiate. Private graveside services will be at Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to an education fund for John and Abigail Mitchell.

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Raymond Boyle

LAGRANGE — Raymond E. Boyle, 79, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 10, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Boyle had been a farmer and factory worker. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was born April 20, 1925, in Angola to Albert and Cora Boyle. On April 20, 1945, he married Frances Bellaire. She died Feb. 6.

Surviving are six sons, Raymond Boyle Jr. of Cargo, Mich., Melvin Boyle of Wolcottville, Delvin Boyle of LaGrange, Chester Boyle of Fort Wayne, Jim Boyle of Auburn and John Boyle of Marshfield, Wis.; three daughters, Betty Hamilton of Three Rivers, Mich., Judy Fields of Fishers and Susie Casteel of Florida; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home at LaGrange with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Lonzie Miller

ANGOLA — Lonzie Marjerie Miller, 82, of Angola died Saturday, April 9, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was born June 12, 1922, in Four Mile, Bell County, Ky., to John and Mary (Jones) Lingar.

She worked in area restaurants and nursing homes.

Surviving are two sons, Edward W. Karasek of Mission Vieja, Calif., and David Miller of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Rae Miller in 2004; a son, Jerry Karasek in 1960; a sister, Opal Woodson; and two brothers, Charles and John Lingar.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Gene Reinoehl

AUBURN — Gene R. Reinoehl, 88, of Auburn died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reinoehl worked at G.C. Lepley Sales in Ashley for 29 years and was a school bus driver for Ashley and DeKalb Central schools for 38 years. He served two terms on the DeKalb County Council and two terms as Smithfield Township Trustee. He served six years on the board at Wee Haven and was a member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board at the time the hospital was built. He was an original member of the DeKalb County Council on Aging before the Heimach Center was established and was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

He was born Sept. 11, 1916, in East St. Louis, Mo., to Charles and Mary (Benjamin) Reinoehl.

He married Mildred Wise on March 4, 1939, in Waterloo and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Barbara Geistwhite of Grabill; two brothers, Everett L. Reinoehl of Waterloo and Hubert R. Reinoehl of Butler; three sisters, Nina Redman of Auburn, Beth Drew of Waterloo and Alice Barry of Ashley; four grandchildren, Lori Fitts, Brad Geistwhite, Dr. Robert Geistwhite and Jim Geistwhite; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Minnie Provines.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, 1492 C.R. 27, with the Rev. Bob Newhart and the Rev. Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with a correction.*

Lynn Mitchell

AUBURN — Lynn E. Mitchell, 50, of Auburn died Tuesday morning, April 12, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Mitchell served as a registered nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 28 years. She was a graduate of the Parkview Methodist School of Nursing and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 16, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Harold B. and Betty J. (Meyer) Brinkman. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Patrick J. Mitchell on July 13, 1974, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jonathan P. Mitchell of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jaime L. and Michael Meyer of Fishers, and Abigail E. Mitchell of Auburn; four brothers, Thomas Brinkman and Lawrence Brinkman, both of Auburn, Daniel Brinkman of New Haven, Conn., and Dr. John Brinkman of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Judy Schiffli of Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Dave Carkenord will officiate. Private graveside services will be at Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to an education fund for John and Abigail Mitchell. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Newton Davis

WATERLOO — Newton Davis, 88, of Waterloo died Monday, April 12, 2005.

Mr. Davis worked as a molder at Fort Wayne Aluminum Foundry.

Mr. Davis

He was born June 12, 1916, in Handshoe, Ky., to Frank and Fannie (Moore) Davis.

He married Sina Ousley on June 21, 1941, in Prestonburg, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Burchel and Lona Davis of Hicksville, Ohio, Virgil Davis of Angola and James L. and Donna Davis of Edgerton, Ohio; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sylvia Schneider of Kendallville, Mona and Gary Ewalt of Edgerton, Ohio, and Melva Hawks of Brimfield; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Louise Dyer; five brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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April 13 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Longtime Rome City businesswoman Dorothy Mossman dies at age 84

ROME CITY — Rome City businesswoman Dorothy Margaret Mossman, 84, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Mossman's parents started Brady's Landing on Sylvan Lake in 1928 and Dorothy worked there most of her life. The establishment has been known as Granny's Restaurant since about 1970.

She was a 1938 graduate of Rome City High School.

Mrs. Mossman was a 59-year member and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 381 in Kendallville, VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Post 2749 in Kendallville, Kendallville Elks Lodge, Mizpah Temple Ladies Shrine and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

She was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Mishawaka to Jeff and Helen (Belschner) Brady. On Feb. 28, 1942, in Rome City, she married Walter K. Mossman. He died Dec. 4, 1984.

Mrs. Mossman

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Margaret Mossman of Rome City and Linda and John Yerick of Rome City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mike and Glenda Mossman and David A. Mossman, all of Rome City; seven grandchildren, Lesa Cassel, Milo Mossman, Marshall Mossman, Zachary Mossman, Easton Mossman and Jared Mossman, all of Rome City, and Jessica Gromaski of Fremont; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Hudson F. Brady, in 1988.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter, Girl Scouts of the Limberlost or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information and a correction.*

E. Frank Bidlack

AUBURN — E. Frank Bidlack, 76, of Auburn died Monday, April 11, 2005, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bidlack

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1985 after 27 years in sales with Rea Magnet Wire. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He was a member of Southgate Lodge F&AM, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. He was a past patron of Fort Wayne Chapter 432 Order of Eastern Star, a past director of Mizpah Shrine Chanters, a men's choral group, and a member of the Rea Magnet Wire 25-year club. He was a past director of the St. Mark's Men's Chorus and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. He served as a volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum for 18 years and for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival for nine years.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Bidlack of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Inga and Arthur Secrest of Pennsylvania; a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Mary Bidlack of Akron, Ohio; two grandchildren and their spouses, Tiffany and Jim Carr of Ohio and Kristen and Jeremy Leister of Pennsylvania; and a great-grandchild, Ella Leister of Pennsylvania.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

THE EVENING STAR

April 14 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Man's body found in pond

DAVE KURTZ

Rescue vehicles line the shore of a pond where a Garrett man died Wednesday.

Fisherman dies in rural Garret

BY DAVE KURTZ
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GARRETT — Divers found a Garrett man's body in a private farm pond Wednesday night, at least 5 1/2 hours after he fell into the water.

Larry A. DePew, 58, died in a pond at 0018 C.R. 52, just east of the Noble County line, said Indiana Conservation Officer Rodney Clear.

The Steuben County Underwater Rescue Recovery Team found DePew's body about 40 feet from the pond's shore, in water 11 feet deep. He was about 12 feet from the end of a pier.

"We believe the victim was fishing from the pier. Whether it was a medical condition that he ended up in the water, or he slipped and fell in the water, we're not sure of that information yet," Clear said.

Investigators are treating the death as a possible drowning. The DeKalb Cou coroner's office is expected to conduct an auto to search for the cause of death, Clear said.

Investigators believe DePew fell into the w sometime between 7:30 a.m., when he was seen alive, and 1 p.m.

Other fishermen came to the pond aroun p.m. and saw an unattended vehicle and perso items on the pier, Clear said. They did not no anything else unusual and did not call for hel

Someone else who saw DePew's items on pier called 911 at 5:37 p.m., Clear said. He not know the identity of the caller.

Rescuers from several agencies rushed to pond on the south side of C.R. 52, three m west of Garrett. The five-acre pond is at the of a dirt lane about three-eighths of a mile

POND: *Dive teams found the body in a few minutes*

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and is not visible from the county road.

Rescuers called for the Lutheran Air helicopter from Fort Wayne. Its pilot hovered above the pond, trying to spot DePew from the air.

When dive teams from Auburn and Steuben County entered the pond, the Steuben team found the body at 6:37 p.m.

"All the agencies worked well together. Basically, once the divers were in the water, recovery was made within just a few minutes," Clear said.

DePew had fished at the pond frequently for a number of years, Clear said. People who came by the scene said several neighbors have permission to fish at the pond, known as Riccius Lake for the property's owner.

One neighbor said the pond was created when construction crews dug out soil for a construction project on nearby S.R. 3.

Agencies participating in the search for DePew's body included fire departments from LaOtto and Garrett, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Auburn Police Department, Indiana Conservation Officers, DeKalb EMS, Auburn Dive Team and Steuben County Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team.

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April 14 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Butler woman killed

HAMILTON — A Butler woman died Wednesday when her car slammed into a tree on a rural road three miles east of Hamilton.

Peggy Wicker, 42, of the 100 block of East Washington Street, Butler, died at the crash scene from blunt-force trauma, Indiana State Police said.

Wicker was driving a 1990 Subaru southbound on C.R. 700E near C.R. 700S at 12:05 p.m. Her car left the blacktop roadway at a high rate of speed and struck a tree, ejecting her from the car, a police report said.

ANDY BARRAND

An Indiana State Police trooper photographs the wreckage of a car in which Peggy Wicker, 42, of Butler died.

Peggy Wicker

BUTLER — Peggy S. Wicker, 42, of Butler died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at 12:15 p.m. in an automobile crash at the intersection of Steuben C.R. 700E and C.R. 700S, east of Hamilton.

She was born Nov. 14, 1962, in Fort Wayne. Her father, Alfred Shirely, preceded her in death. Her mother, Joyce (Espich) Jackson, survives in Ashley.

She married Steve Wicker on May 6, 1995, in Butler. He died April 2, 2004.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Dennis and Donald Dennis, both of Butler; a stepson, Michael Wicker of Angola; a daughter, Alyssa Dennis of Butler; two stepdaughters, Melissa Anthonysamy and Kristen Wicker, both of Angola; four brothers, Robert Shirely of Ashley and Ronald Shirely, Ernie Shirely and Alfred Shirely Jr., all of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren, Hakeemah Wicker, Nalonie Anthonysamy and Eliana Anthonysamy, all of Angola.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery near Angola.

Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Blas Zuniga

ST. JOE — Blas T. Zuniga, 68, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zuniga worked as a foreman at Sechler's Pickles, retiring after 32 years of service.

He was born Feb. 3, 1937, in San Antonio, Texas, to Librado and Isabel (Trevino) Zuniga. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his fiancee, Gloria Harter of St. Joe; two daughters, Rosa Zuniga and Silvia More, both of Texas; three sisters; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Lucille Hantz

HAMILTON — Lucille M. Hantz, 68, of Hamilton died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Hantz worked at Pittsfield Indiana in Hamilton for 30 years, retiring in 1999. She loved to go to casinos.

She was born Aug. 27, 1936, in Defiance County, Ohio to Walter C.F. and Laura (Liska) Donze.

She married Alfred Hantz on Jan. 1, 1955, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 1993.

Surviving are a son, Roger Hantz of Hamilton; a daughter, Linda Grosch of Elkhart; a brother, Robert Donze of Bryan, Ohio; three sisters, Margaret Taylor of Phoenix and Betty Lorentz and Barbara Donze, both of Bryan, Ohio; four grandchildren, Rebecca, Ron and Shawn Hantz and Tonya Flores Reyes; and six great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association.

THE EVENING STAR

April 15 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Reason for drowning a mystery

Garrett man's death appears to be accident

BY DAVE KURTZ
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GARRETT — An autopsy Thursday yielded no clues to why a Garrett man fell into a private pond and drowned Wednesday, said DeKalb County Coroner Richard Brown.

Larry A. DePew, 58, drowned sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday in a five-acre pond along C.R. 52, just east of the Noble County line, Conservation Officer Rodney Clear said Wednesday night.

The autopsy did eliminate some possible reasons for DePew's death, Brown said.

"The apparent cause of death is going to be drowning. So far, we don't have a medical cause that would have caused it," Brown said.

"We've pretty much ruled out foul play. There wasn't any trauma to the body that would suggest foul play," the coroner added.

However, Brown said, "We may not know why he ended up in the water," other than to rule the death an accident.

The Steuben County Underwater Rescue Recovery Team found DePew's body about 40 feet from shore, in water 11 feet deep. He was about 12 feet from the end of a pier, where he apparently was fishing, Clear said.

Someone who saw DePew's belongings on the pier called 911 at 5:37 p.m., Clear said. Other fishermen had seen those items on the pier around 1 p.m., but did not realize an accident had occurred. Clear said the last time someone saw DePew was at 7:30 a.m.

The autopsy took place Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Brown said the only other possible source of clues to the death is a toxicology report that will be complete in about two weeks.

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Larry DePew

GARRETT — Larry A. DePew, 58, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in an apparent accident.

He was born Oct. 19, 1946, in Garrett to Arthur W. DePew and Lorene M. (Lash) DePew.

He was a lineman at GTE Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in May 1998. Following his retirement, he assisted on the Lon Fritz farm southwest of Altona. He occasionally drove a milk truck for Christman.

He was a 1964 graduate of Garrett High School and a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1965-67.

Mr. DePew enjoyed taking his 1957 Chevy to car shows, playing cards and music. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Auburn Moose and an Altona volunteer firefighter. He was a lifetime Garrett resident.

Surviving are his mother, Lorene M. DePew of Garrett; his longtime companion, Pat Clemons of Garrett, and her family, Chris and Kim Clemons of Fort Wayne, K.C. and Teddra Clemons of Garrett and Brad and Dawn Clemons of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Rob Conrad of Auburn and Sharon and Todd Estes of Noblesville; his grandchildren, Kevin DePew and Brandon Estes of Noblesville and Jacob and Trevor Conrad of Auburn; his grandchildren with his companion, Karlie, Spencer, Maddie, Libby, Hannah, Alex, Cayden, Shade, Brittni and Xander; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Leslie "Les" DePew of Garrett and Ritch and Mona DePew of Eugene, Ore.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Janice Richardson of Kendallville and Jean and Randy Rupp of Lafayette; and a beloved pet, Missie.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery of rural Garrett, with military graveside honors by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

Richard Witte

ST. JOE — Richard L. Witte, 74, of St. Joe died Thursday afternoon, April 14, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Witte worked as a welder/fitter at Slater Steel in Fort Wayne, retiring after 30 years of service.

Mr. Witte

He was a Korean War veteran and a member of the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born May 21, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Mary Witte. They preceded him in death.

He married Janice Shuff on Sept. 5, 1953, in Fort Wayne. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Diane Witte of St. Joe; three daughters and sons-in-law, Valerie Sue and Lenn Schaefer of Waterloo, Vickie and John Woolever of Auburn and Jill and Noah Moore of St. Joe; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Crickmore of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Kylie Everage, and two brothers, Darrell and Paul Witte.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Spencerville Community Club at C.R. 68 and S.R. 1, with Pastor Paul Row officiating.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be today and Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. each day, at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, DeKalb County Unit, P.O. Box 722, Auburn, IN 46706.

Leah Ann Oswalt

AUBURN — Leah Ann Oswalt died Thursday, April 14, 2005 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She is survived by her parents, Wes and Kelly Oswalt of Auburn; a sister, Audrey; a brother, Max; paternal grandparents Bob and Doneta Oswalt of Auburn; maternal grandparents Dave and Treva DeWitt of Auburn; and maternal great-grandmother Mary DeWitt of Auburn.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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April 17 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mrs. Hanselman touched many lives

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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ANGOLA — Using her entreprenuerial skills and the avenues she had built as owner and operator of Gageview Orchard in Angola to come up with ways to bless others was the dominating strength of Barbara A. Hanselman.

Mrs. Hanselman, 61, died Monday, March 28, 2005, less than 22 months after the death of her beloved husband of 35 years, Keith Hanselman. Friends were not surprised that the couple remained as close in death as they had in life.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, on Nov. 28, 1943, to Robert J. and Beatrice L. (Munce) Crary, she eventually made her home in Angola, where she spent the past 35 years as owner and manager of Gageview Orchards.

Throughout her lifetime, Hanselman reached out with unselfish concern and benevolent hands, touching countless other lives.

John Butler remembers the day he moved to Steuben County in 1968 and became friends with his neighbors, the Hanselmans.

The Hanselmans and Butler shared a love of community theater and for years worked together on many productions at the Angola Community Theater.

"They were fun to know and to be around," Butler said.

But what Butler and his family really noticed about the Hanselmans was their concern for others.

"There were times they would just drop off bags of groceries," said Butler who added that, to this day, the memories bring tears to his eyes.

"We had two babies and they always made sure they had formula and we had food," he said. "The generousity and love shown by Keith and Barbara were beyond belief."

Although the Hanselmans never had any children of their own, their "son of the heart," John Price of Angola, said he always thought of himself as the Hanselman's official unadopted son.

Price started working for the Hanselmans at Gageview Orchard in March 1998 and soon was managing the business as well as the couple's many rental properties.

Price remembers Barbara's altruistic attitude very well.

"She was always so generous and certainly gave a lot to her charity work," he said. "And, she was extremely kind and giving to the people who rented from her."

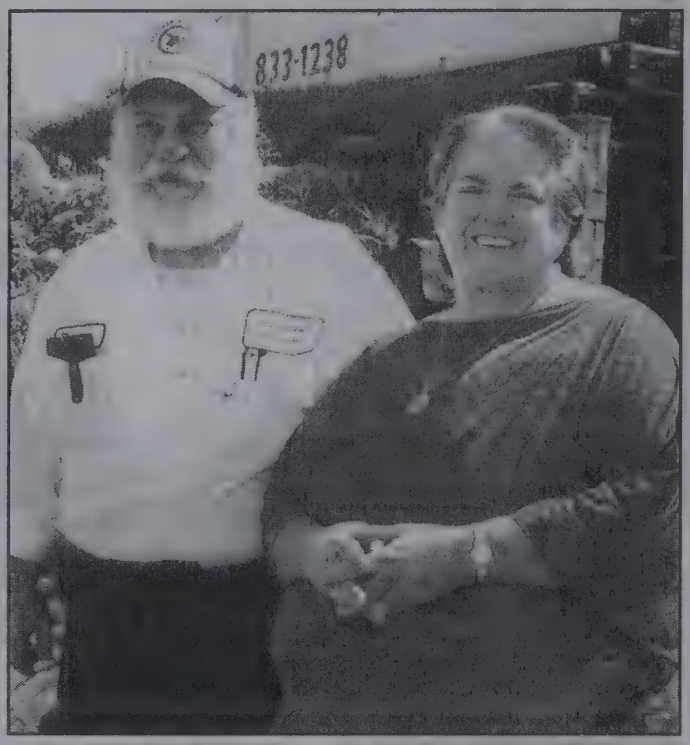
After Mrs. Hanselman's death, the ownership of Gageview Orchard went to her two sisters, Cynthia Rehan in Sioux City, Iowa, and Susan Way of Ponca, Neb. Price will continue as orchard manager.

The Rev. Tom Smith of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Church worked with Barbara Hanselman for 15 years while serving as a representative of the Stueben County Ministerial Association and trying to get the Project Help organization off the ground. Project Help offers assistance in the way of food, clothing, medical care and holiday packages to impoverished people in Steuben County.

"Barbara was always on the lookout for sweetheart deals, going to auctions, making connections, and would then show up with a boatload of food for us to hand out," Smith said. "She also donated a lot of cider and produce from her own business. She was a strong supporter and a lifetime volunteer of Project Help."

Besides helping to feed and clothe those in need, Mrs. Hanselman had a soft spot in her heart for people who had little or no medical insurance coverage. Last year, after talking to Project Help director Sherri Frank and finding out that Frank was wanting to start a medical voucher program, Mrs. Hanselman donated $10,000 of her own money to get "Project Health" off the ground. She gave the donation in memory of her husband.

"Her philanthrophy is to be admired. She believed in helping her fellow man to make life better for everyone," Frank said.



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Barbara Hanselman, right, is shown with her husband, Keith, at a photo taken at Gageview Orchards, which the couple owned. Barbara died March 28, just less than 22 months after Keith died.

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Fern Carr

AUBURN — Fern Mavis (Bailey) Carr, 89, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Carr was born Feb. 9, 1915. She was a school bus driver, school cook, factory worker and seamstress.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and WELCA, and a member emeritus of the Ladies Literary Guild.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Darlene Carr of St. Joe; three daughters and two sons-in-law, R. Andrea (Carr) and Larry Barber of Bloomington, Melanie (Carr) Gafken of Hamilton and F. Renee (Carr) and Larry Collins of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey A. Carr; a brother, Russell; and a sister, Katherine.

Services will be Sunday at St. Joe Town Hall at noon. There will be a carry-in meal, and attendees should bring drinks and table service.

Those who plan to come to the service are asked to write down stories about Mrs. Carr to be included in a memory book the family is creating.

Forest Hamman

BUTLER — Forest L. Hamman, 71, of Butler died Monday, April 18, 2005, at 3:05 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Center at Edgerton, Ohio.

Mr. Hamman was a radiological technologist in the U.S. Armed Forces and served in the U.S. Army.

He was a graduate of Butler High School in the Class of 1953. He attended the Carnegie Institute of Medical Technology and Indiana University, where he obtained his nuclear medical degree. He served his internship at Johnson County Memorial Hospital in Franklin. He entered the federal service with the Veterans Regional Office as a radiological technician. He also served as night supervisor of radiology at the General Hospital of Marion County, now known as Wishard Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis.

He entered the Armed Forces Entrance and Examination Station as a senior radiological technician and retired after that draft of recruits was lifted at the end of the Vietnam War in 1973 and a reduction in force was enacted. He retired from Fort Benjamin Harrison on March 14, 1973. He owned Truckers Haven in Stilesville and the Silver Moon Skating Rink at Hazelwood, both in Hendricks County, west of Indianapolis.

He ran for the office of Butler mayor in 1980 and served as a Wilmington Township precinct committeeman for six years.

He worked at the Butler Post Office for 3 1/2 years.

He was born Oct. 16, 1933, in Paulding, Ohio, to Forest A. and Jennie E. (Lehman) Hamman. They preceded him in death.

His wife, Janet L. Miller, died Feb. 18, 1995.

Surviving are a son, Jack Hamman of Fillmore; a sister, Susan Groff of Edgerton, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Daniel Eckart officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkview Nursing Center or the American Heart Association.

Phyllis Myers

HUNTERTOWN — Phyllis Joan Myers, 73, of Huntertown died Monday morning, April 18, 2005. at her home.

She was born July 1, 1931, in Grabill to Ray and Mary (Smead) Meinerding. They preceded her in death.

She married Eli Myers Jr. on June 29, 1952, in Leo. He survives in Huntertown.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Larry and Mary Myers of Grabill, Dave and Mary Lou Myers of Huntertown, Randy Myers of Warsaw and Terry and Gyneth Myers of Auburn; a daughter, Betty Myers of Huntertown; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Raymond Meinerding of Fort Wayne and Gary Meinerding of New Haven; and a sister, Bonnie Johnson of Grabill.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Lengacher.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Cuba Mennonite Church, 10835 Cuba Road, Harlan, with Pastor James Miller and Pastor Terry Myers officiating. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery at Grabill. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday from 2. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Cuba Mennonite School, 10835 Cuba Road, Harlan, IN 46743.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

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April 20 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Anna Woodard

AUBURN — Anna Lee Woodard, 83, formerly of Michigan, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Woodard had retired from the Hillsdale County Road Commission in Michigan, where she had been a bookkeeper for 20 years.

She was born Jan. 31, 1922, in Richland Township, Steuben County, to William E. and Arilla A (VanZile) Carey. They preceded her in death.

She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ, Edon, Ohio. In 1964 she joined the Mount Union Christian Union Church in Cooney, Ohio, and served as pianist for many years.

She began her education in a one-room school in Alvarado in southeastern Steuben County and graduated from Metz High School in 1940.

She married Olin G. Woodard of Montgomery, Mich., on Sept. 3, 1942. He died in 1999.

Mrs. Woodard and her husband joined the Austin Grange in 1951, later merging with the Bankers Grange and the Hillsdale Grange. They held many degrees within the Granges and became State Grange members. Mrs. Woodard served as the Grange pianist and W.A.C. Chairman and Lady Assistant Steward.

Her hobbies included sewing, music, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, reading and working with artificial flower arrangements.

Mrs. Woodard and her husband enjoyed fishing and traveling. In 1975 they sold their farm and moved to Hudson, Mich., and became members of the Thorn Hill Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Franklin and Joyce Woodard of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, LaMar and Naomi Carey of Fort Wayne and Marlin and Joyce Carey of Angola; a stepgrandson-in-law, Mark Burkhart; and four stepgreat-grandchildren, Anna, Elizabeth, Kimberly and Rachel.

She was preceded in death by a stepgranddaughter and a brother.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Mount Union Christian Union Church in Cooney, Ohio, with the Rev. James Carey officiating. Burial will be in Camden Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time at the George White Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Reading, Mich.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association.

Jean Hamman

WATERLOO — Jean A. Hamman, 90, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Hamman was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center at Waterloo and the Smithfield Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Dec. 1, 1914, in Xenia, Ohio, to Burt Forest and Mable (Files) Whittington.

She married Noah R. Hamman on April 1, 1934. He died Jan. 9, 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Forest Hamman of LaGrange, Ga., and John David Hamman of Tempe, Ariz.; two daughters, Marianne Mathews and Linda Jean Groen, both of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Joan Ramsey of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

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April 20 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Helen Buse

ANGOLA — Helen Catherine Buse, 90, of Angola died Monday, April 18, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where she had resided for almost a year. She had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Mrs. Buse

Mrs. Buse was born in Huntington on Dec. 26, 1914, to Louis A. and Elizabeth C. (Knoke) Hohe. She married Charles W. Buse in 1939, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 2003.

She was a 1932 graduate of Ball State Teachers College. Upon graduation, she began teaching in Huntington. Her career continued at Angola High School, where she taught home economics and substituted in history. Her teaching career spanned more than 50 years. She retired in 1983.

She served on the Board of Trustees at the Carnegie Public Library for many years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo and was a past president of the Psi Iota Xi sorority and the National Education Association.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon "Shar" and Dennis Croy of Angola; two brothers, Dr. William Hohe and Louis Hohe, both of Huntington; four grandchildren, Michael and Matt Brenner, both of Seattle, Shayne Black of Tampa, Fla. and Tiffany Bruce of Fremont; and two great-grandchildren, Taylor Brenner and Xavier Bruce.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy J. Flora.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday one hour before services.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Carnegie Public Library.

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April 21 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Esther Sleek

GARRETT — Esther Lucille Sleek, 92, died Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

A lifelong DeKalb County resident, Mrs. Sleek was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born Feb. 7, 1913, in Altona to Justie J. and Altha V. (Bherns) Snyder.

On June 22, 1930, in Auburn, she married Clarence Dale Sleek. He died in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Carol Sleek of Altona; a daughter and son-in-law, Sonia and Tom Angel of Atlanta, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Mabel Snyder of Garrett; two granddaughters, Doris Jarnagin and her husband, Gary, of Fort Wayne, and Bonnie Sue Bunn of Atlanta, Ga.; four grandsons, Robert W. Sleek Jr. of Kokomo, Bryan Sleek of Garrett, and Patrick Angel and his wife, Julie, and David Angel and his wife, Kathy, all of Detroit; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Clarence Dean Sleek and William Thomas Sleek; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Ellen Sleek; and a grandson, Steven Angel.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jim Lilley officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Nathan Grill

MARATHON, Fla. — Nathan Wayne Grill, 32, of Marathon, Fla., died Friday, April 15, 2005, in Broward County, Fla., as the result of an automobile accident.

Mr. Grill was born May 20, 1972, in Defiance, Ohio. He had resided in the Florida Keys for the past 21 years.

He graduated from Marathon High School and attended Santa Fe Community College. He was a foreman for Grill Construction.

He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in DeKalb County. He lived life to the fullest and excelled in fishing, hunting and all sports.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Jonathan Grill and Debra Grill, of Duck Key, Fla.; his mother and stepfather, Tamra and Craig MacElveen of Webster, Texas; his fiancee, Lisi Cordova, and her son, Brittain Brabham, of Marathon, Fla.; a brother, Skyy Walker of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Amy Grill and Brianna MacElveen, both of Webster; a niece, Natalie Grill of Webster; his grandparents, Gerald and Joan Grill of Waterloo, and stepgrandparents, Vernon and Lillian Meyer of Defiance, Ohio; uncles Thomas Grill of Oxford, Conn., and Steven Grill of Hamilton; aunts and uncles Becky and Tim Cook of Hamilton, Johnny Duykers of Phoenix, Joyce and Mike Fronk of Defiance, Ohio, Karen and John Helmke of Defiance and Elaine and Jerry Talbert of Ney, Ohio; and many cousins including Paul and William Cook, Eric and Ann Grill, Dan Grill and Emily Grill Surowitz, Matt and Jenny Front, Ryan, Kyle and Amber Helmke, and Tyler and Dakota Talbert.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jerry and Ruth Duykers of Crown Point.

Services were Wednesday in Marathon, Fla.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ or a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling local arrangements.

James McKeever

LAOTTO — James L. McKeever, 64, of LaOtto died Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 11:15 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McKeever

He worked in the shipping department at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 38 years.

He was a truck driver for numerous people and helped his son-in-law, Lon Fritz, in farming. He resided in LaOtto for the past 35 years.

Mr. McKeever attended Wesley Chapel Church in Churubusco and LaOtto Wesleyan Church in LaOtto.

Born March 13, 1941, in New Haven, he was the son of Beach and Margaret (Habig) McKeever. They preceded him in death.

On March 21, 1959, in Garrett, he married Betty L. Hollinger. She survives in LaOtto.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Lon Fritz of LaOtto, and Melody and Claude "Junior" Combs of Garrett; a grandson, Rudy Combs of Garrett; two granddaughters, Jamie Wallace and her husband, Ryan, of Auburn, and Mandy Fritz of LaOtto; a great-granddaughter, Madison Wallace of Auburn; and a brother, Harold Barhydt of Detroit.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel in Churubusco officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel or LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Thomas Mock

JACKSON, Mich. — Thomas Scott Mock, 53, of Jackson died Thursday, April 21, 2005, at home.

Mr. Mock was the owner of Mock's Auto in Michigan Center, Mich.

He was born March 30, 1952, in Jackson to Bob and Clarice Mock. He married Marla Wilson 17 years ago in Jackson. She survives.

He is also survived by a son, Robbie Mock of Jackson; three daughters, Kim Mock, Sandy Mock and Nickie Mock, all of Jackson; a stepdaughter, Brandy Wilson of Jackson; 10 grandchildren; his parents, Bob and Clarice Mock of Corunna; a half-brother, Jerry Worden of Corunna; and two sisters, Susanne Tingley and Carrie Mock, both of Battle Creek, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gregory Mock.

Services will be 1 p.m. Michigan time Monday at Burden's Funeral Home in Jackson. Burial will be at noon Tuesday at Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton, with a dinner following at the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Michigan time Saturday and Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Florence Tuggle

LAOTTO — Florence Ann "Nanny" Tuggle, 84, of LaOtto died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed crossword and word search books.

She was born May 10, 1920, in Bristol, Va., to Lem and Loueller (Hunt) Tuggle. She moved to the area from Chicago in 1975.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lem and Karen Buettgen of rural LaOtto, Steven Price of Albion and Jack and Wilda Price of West Virginia; a daughter, Geneva Richards of Albion; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five sisters, Lena Belle Hess, Lola Dixon, Jesse Mae Adams, Floriene Tuell and Sarah Elizabeth Hess.

She was preceded in death by three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. The Rev. Larry Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery in rural LaOtto.

Calling will be 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

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Helen Buse has been described as a "perfect lady" and someone who had a contagious laugh.

Daughter recalls Mrs. Buse as a 'genuinely sweet lady'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — "She was sunshine."

That's how Sharon Croy remembers her mother, Helen Buse, and how she thinks most people who knew her remember her as well.

"She was just a genuinely sweet lady," Sharon said. "She made everyone feel good."

Helen Buse died Monday, April 18, 2005. She had been battling Alzheimer's disease.

Sharon said people have told her that her mother was "a perfect lady."

"She was my inspiration for wanting to be a mother, wife and homemaker," Sharon said. "My mom would command respect just by her presence ... she didn't have to be demanding. She just earned it."

Sharon said her mother showed her what it meant to have class ... and a sense of humor.

"She was so dignified, and her smile, laughter and kindness ... they were contagious," she said.

Sharon said her mother and father, Charles, had a storybook marriage. Charles passed away on Jan. 10, 2003.

"She idolized my dad and they had a perfect marriage," she said. "He was her hero and he sheltered her. I always looked at them and thought, 'Boy, I hope I can have a marriage like that someday.' And I came close. I have a good marriage, but theirs ... it was just ideal."

Mrs. Buse was a teacher for more than half a century. She spent many of those years teaching home economics at Angola High School, where she was also a substitute history teacher.

"She just loved teaching," Sharon said. "It was her life. She loved teaching, and everyone loved her. She really missed teaching after she retired."

Sharon said the last few years, watching her mother deal with dementia and Alzheimer's, were very hard.

"The last few years, she wasn't the mother I remembered," she said sadly. "The last few months, she didn't even know me. It's a very cruel disease. She was totally lost."

Sharon said what she will always remember and miss about her mother was her nature.

"She was loving, sweet and honest," she said softly. "She wouldn't hurt anyone for the world. There are people who can put on a kind face in some situations, but she wasn't that way. She was not phony one bit. To be kind was just who she was. I don't know that my mother ever had a bad day."

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Mrs. Bratton enjoyed sisterhood of sorority

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Patsy Bratton never had any sisters of her own, but in 1949, she joined Beta Sigma Phi sorority — and its members became her sisters.

"She really loved her sorority," said Mrs. Bratton's husband, Richard.

Mrs. Bratton had been battling cancer for four years, Richard said. She succumbed to her illness on March 31, 2005. She was 75.

An obituary Mrs. Bratton wrote for herself before her death said her membership in the sorority was "her greatest love." At the time of her death, she was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi International, and was a past president of the Laureate Alpha Mu Chapter in Angola.

The Brattons would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17. Richard said he met Patsy when he was home on leave from the Navy.

"We went to basketball games. She was in the same class as my sister," Richard remembered.

Mrs. Bratton

While Richard wanted to get married soon after he and Patsy started dating, Patsy held him off for a while. The couple dated for four years.

"I had to wait on her," Richard said with a smile in his voice. "She wanted to wait to get married until she was 21."

So wait they did ... and they were married exactly two weeks after Patsy's 21st birthday.

Mrs. Bratton graduated from Angola High School with the class of 1947, and from there she went to Fort Wayne Art School. She enjoyed working with youth programs, and was a Cub Scout den mother for several years, as well as a volunteer for teen programs.

Mrs. Bratton was also civic-minded. She was a past president of the Angola Ladies Fire Department and the Steuben County Republican Women's Club, and she also belonged to the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

Richard said when she became ill and knew her time was short, his wife insisted on making many of her own arrangements.

But that was how she was.

"She was a good person," he said quietly. "A very good person. She took care of everything and everyone. She always did."

Richard Miller

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Richard "Dick" Miller, 65, died Saturday morning, April 23, 2005, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

He was born June 20, 1939, in Milford Township, the son of Carl H. and Helen L. (Harter) Miller.

Mr. Miller attended Mark Center High School and retired from Robinair Industries of Montpelier, Ohio. He was a member of Sons of the American Legion 0223, as well as Eagles 2556 of Hicksville and Eagles 2733 in Butler.

Surviving are six brothers and three sisters-in-law, Joe and Mikee of Hicksville, Frances "Bounce" and Margaret of Butler, Bob of Swanton, Ohio, Jim and Kay of Payne, Ohio, Paul D. of Fort Wayne and Donald of Amelia, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Hulbert of Edmonton, Ky., and Donna and Jack Schliesser of Mark Center, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will be Monday from 1 to 8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home, with an Eagles service at 6 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ralph Cory

ALBION — Ralph L. Cory, 94, of Albion died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at 4 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Cory was a master pattern cutter at Ligonier Garment Factory. He farmed a Bakertown from 1945 to 1976.

He lived most of his life in Noble County. While living near Round-up, Mont., as a teenager, he got to ride in one of the last wild horse round-ups in the Big Sky country. He was a 1930 graduate of Albion High School.

Mr. Cory was a member of Rehoboth Missionary Church, Albion, and a 53-year member of Albion Lodge 97 F & AM.

He enjoyed his family, dancing, ice skating, had a hole-in-one while golfing and was very active in AARP.

He was born April 4, 1911, in Syracuse to Joseph and Addie (Hines) Cory.

They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 5, 1933, in the Spencerville United Methodist Church parsonage he married Irene Brumbaugh. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Shirley Cory of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Carol Cory of Albion; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Melvin Cory of Ligonier.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Larry Cory on Dec. 18, 2003; a granddaughter, and two great-grandsons.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, with calling one hour prior to services.

Pastor Gerald Ringenberger will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Rehoboth Missionary Church, 4233 E. C.R. 100N, Albion.

Lela DeBrular

MILFORD — Lela M. DeBrular, 87, of Milford died Friday, April 22, 2005, at 2 p.m. at Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Milford.

Mrs. DeBrular was a former Cromwell resident and had lived most of her life in Noble County. She had worked in production at Essex Wire Company for 33 years. She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church and a member of the Ligonier Order of the Eastern Star 325 for over 50 years. She enjoyed working in her yard and nurturing flowers.

Mrs. DeBrular

She was born June 13, 1917, in Noble County to Russell and Hazel (Johnson) Wineland. They preceded her in death

On Jan. 13, 1945, in Fort Wayne, she married Joseph DeBrular. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Eva J. and Bruce McClintic of Syracuse; a brother-in-law and his wife, John Thomas "Tom" and Geraldine DeBrular of Cromwell; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Charles and Firman Wineland; and a sister, Laura W. McClintic.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. The Rev. Don Poyser will officiate.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling is two hours prior to the service time on Monday.

Memorials are to Cromwell United Methodist Church or Shriners' Children's Hospitals.

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Georgia Westfall

GARRETT — Georgia L. Westfall, 96, of Garrett died Saturday, April 23, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Westfall had worked for the Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett, International Harvester in Fort Wayne and Haffner 5 & 10 store in Garrett.

She was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, Garrett Eagle Auxiliary, Auburn Women of the Moose, retired activity club of the Eagles and Auburn Lady Elks.

She was born Sept. 14, 1908, in Hamilton to James Harger and Daisy M. (Erlston) Harger. They preceded her in death.

On Dec. 10, 1927, she married Earl Westfall. He died Sept. 9, 1975.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Tiffany Westfall of Michigan; three grandchildren, Nathan, Danyelle and Joey; a sister, Doris Lechleidner of Butler; and her special friend and caretaker, Carrie Sue Sumner.

She also was preceded in death by five sisters and five brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Marguerite Fish

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Marguerite Fish, 87, of Three Rivers died Sunday, April 24, 2005, at Heartland Health Care in Three Rivers.

Mrs. Fish was a homemaker and a sales representative for Avon.

She had moved to Three Rivers in 1946 from Garrett, Ind.

Mrs. Fish was an avid bingo player.

She was born Oct. 13, 1917, in LaGrange County to Henry S. and Mary E. (Gaffney) Pant. On June 14, 1946, in LaGrange, she married Orley J. Fish. He died April 28, 1962.

Surviving are two stepgrandchildren, Sandra Millard of Mendon, Mich., and Danny Pryor of Decatur, Mich.; six stepgreat-grandchildren; six stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three stepchildren; two stepgreat-granddaughters; seven sisters; and seven brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with her nephew Larry Pant officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Kathleen Manella

SPENCERVILLE — Kathleen Ann Manella, 49, of Spencerville died Sunday, April 24, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Manella

Mrs. Manella was a homemaker and a member of the South Scipio United Brethren Church.

She was born Dec. 29, 1955, in Chicago.

She married Albert Manella on June 17, 1972, in Chicago. He survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are her father, Paul Katschke of Hicksville, Ohio; her mother and stepfather, Kathy and Keith DePew of White Cloud, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Albert A. Manella II and Jen Manella of Antwerp, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and Don Dunderman of Antwerp, Dana and Josh Garmater of Woodburn and Grace and Ryan White of Grabill; nine grandchildren, Angelo, Brandon, Donato, Bethany, Klayre, Boston, David, Titus and Isabelle; two sisters, Pam Carr of Fremont, Mich., and Tracy Eitnear of Continental, Ohio; and two brothers, Paul Katschke of Butler and Bill Katschke of Hicksville.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Gary Gates officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Charlotte Truelove

KENDALLVILLE — Charlotte R. Truelove, 70, of Kendallville died Monday, April 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Truelove

Mrs. Truelove had retired from Kraft Foods after 30 years of service and had worked part time as a clerk at Chronister Pharmacy in Kendallville.

She was a member of First Christian Church and volunteered at the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Mrs. Truelove was a graduate of Salem Center High School.

Mrs. Truelove was born Nov. 24, 1934, in Hudson to Leah Lasho. On March 14, 1954, in Helmer, she married Albert Truelove. He died Nov. 1, 1980.

Surviving are her companion, Robert Debes of Kendallville; three daughters and their spouses, Sandra Truelove and David Spiers of Tracy, Calif., Sharon and David Effinger of Richland, N.C., and Sue and Brian Rieke of Waterloo; a brother, Richard and Barbara Reade of Effort, Pa.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Reade and Charlie Reade; and a sister, LaNora Liberato.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Glenn McClish

BUTLER — Glenn W. McClish, 74, of Butler died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at 8 a.m. at his home.

Mr. McClish was employed in maintenance at Tokheim Corp. for 18 years. He had served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born June 22, 1930, in Hudson to Russell and Martha (Chipman) McClish.

He married Beverly Boren on Sept. 25, 1952, in Auburn. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a daughter, Linda McClish of Fort Wayne; and five sisters, Merlee Brand, Betty Diosado, Ilda Green, Lilah Steele of Wabash and Mary Gasten of Lake Seneca, Ohio.

He was preceded in death his parents; a son, Steven McClish; a brother, Vaughn McClish; and a sister, Patricia Miller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Darrol Heggen officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler or the National Kidney Foundation.

Opal Smith

WATERLOO — Opal E. Smith, 86, of Waterloo died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker, a photo colorist and a very talented artist. She worked for Waters Photo Studio of Fort Wayne and Kelso Davis Photography of Auburn.

She was born Sept. 29, 1918, in Waterloo. Her parents were Denis and Julie (Barth) Poorman and her stepmother was Almetta (Buss) Poorman.

She married Richard S. Smith on Feb. 27, 1938, at the Evangelical Church in Waterloo. He died Aug. 8, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis J. and Janet Smith, Stanley S. and Jeanne Smith and C. Noel and Sue Smith, all of Waterloo; a daughter, Sharon Bullock of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard A. Smith; a grandson, Mike Carper; and a brother, Russell Poorman.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to New Hope Day Care.

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Maude Sefton

GARRETT — Maude C. Sefton, 85, of Garrett died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, in her home.

She was a homemaker and had worked as a beautician when she was younger.

Born March 10, 1920, in Habarsham, Tenn., she was the daughter of Mose and Bessie (Huddleston) Ray.

She married James E. Brown, in 1937. He died in 1956.

In 1958, she married Russell Sefton. He died in 1979.

Surviving are a son, James L. Brown of Garrett; a sister, Evelyn Chastin of Knoxville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Denise Green and Janice Gonya, both of Garrett; Tonya Pearson of LaGrange, and James Brown of Fort Wayne; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Cynthia Sexton; and two brothers, Hugh Lee Ray and Charles Ray.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Rose Hill Burial Park at Hamilton, Ohio.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or DeKalb County Heart Association.

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Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis J. and Janet Smith, Stanley S. and Jeanne Smith and C. Noel and Sue Smith, all of Waterloo; a daughter, Sharon Bullock of Waterloo; her grandchildren and their spouses, Lori and Merlin Ehmke of Waterloo, Chad and Tammy Bullock of Bristol, Matthew and Mindy Smith of Waterloo, Toni and William Kula of Auburn, Patrick and Lindsey Smith of Waterloo, Leslie and Chaney Boles of Waterloo, Ryan and Tracy Smith of Corunna, Nick Smith of Waterloo and Taya Smith of Waterloo; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard A. Smith, a grandson, Mike Carper, and a brother, Russell Poorman.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to New Hope Day Care.

Mary Ann Ransom

FORT WAYNE — Mary Ann (Rexroth) Ransom, 77, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at Hospice Home.

She was a homemaker and a native of Indianapolis and loved to garden, play the piano and cards and work crossword puzzles.

Surviving are her husband, Russell E. Ransom of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Christine A. Wilcox of Garrett; three sons, Jerry L. Ransom of Columbus, R. Dean Ransom of St. Charles, Ill., and C. Jay Ransom of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Norma J. Gillman; and a brother, Frank Rexroth.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Private burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler or the National Kidney Foundation.

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Roberta Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Roberta Jean Smith, 76, of Kendallville died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith had worked part time at The News-Sun for about 10 years and in the 1970s had worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for about six years.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the St. Michael's Rosary Sodality in Waterloo.

Mrs. Smith served as a Girl Scout leader in Fairfield Township for many years. She was a member of the auxiliaries of American Legion Post 86 and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

She was born April 22, 1929, in Benton Harbor, Mich., to Urville Preston and Pauline (Munch) Coffey. On June 11, 1949, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, she married Howard John Smith. He survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas J. and Ann Smith of Dowagiac, Mich., Timothy J. and Meg Smith of Wolcottville, Michael J. and Kathy Smith of St. Joe, and Mark J. and Becky Smith of Kendallville and Matthew J. and Jessica Smith of Kendallville; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Christina M. Smith of Kendallville, Catherine A. and Mark Runion of Fishers, Mary F. and Mike Troyer of Hicksville, Ohio, and Rita J. and LaVerne Cornett of West Alexandria, Ohio; two brothers and a sister-in-law, William Coffey of Sturgis, Mich., and Robert and Pam Coffey of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Janet Leggett of Benton Harbor and Joyce and Richard Baird of Ashley; 24 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Delbert Coffey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery at Waterloo.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family or the church building fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Florence Janke

BUTLER — Florence Janke, 101, of Butler died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at 6:45 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Janke was a homemaker and a member of the Butler Eagles and the Wittenberg Guild. She was an avid bowler and was affectionately known as "the worm lady."

She was born Aug. 18, 1903, in Butler to William and Adena (Rohrbaugh) Dohner.

She married Ernest Janke on May 6, 1930, in Michigan. He died Nov. 5, 1981.

Surviving are two sisters, Dorothy Harvey of Auburn and Inez Shultz of Butler; a niece, Gaynell Lake of St. Joe; a nephew, Larry Shultz of Thayer; and many great, great-great and great-great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preced in death by a brother, Robert Dohner, and two sisters, Iva Dohner and Hazel Janke.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Big Run Church of rural Butler.

Clair Lower

ANGOLA — Clair L. Lower, 84, of Angola and formerly of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Lower

Mr. Lower was born July 24, 1920, in Steuben Township, Steuben County to Merlin and Goldie (Bowers) Lower. He was married to Roberta L. Lockhart on Sept. 16, 1972, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 8, 1990.

In 1982, he retired after 20 years at Moore Business Forms, Angola. He was a member of Barkers Chapel United Methodist Church in DeKalb County, and graduated in 1938 from Pleasant Lake High School.

Surviving are two stepsons, Nyle Summerlott of Angola and Max Summerlott of Arkansas; a sister, Marie Graham of Angola; a brother, Dale Lower of Marysville, Mich.; and several stepgrandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Ross Lower, in 1975.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Darvin Seuter officiating. Calling will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Barkers Chapel.

Alma Ball

BUTLER — Alma C. Ball, 84, of Butler died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Ball worked for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 27 years, retiring in February 1976.

She was born Feb. 4, 1921, in Butler to Eber and Clara (Healy) Oberlin.

She married Charles Maynard Ball on Oct. 1, 1938. He died March 22, 1991.

Surviving are one son, Jeffrey Ball of Butler; one daughter, Patricia Metzler of Auburn; two brothers, Harry Oberlin of Middlebury and Robert Oberlin of Butler; three sisters, Annabell Hullinger of Butler, Mary Short of Okeechobee, Fla., and Martha Curcio of Butler; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Ball; two brothers; two sisters; and her parents.

No services or calling are planned. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn.

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Betty Zeedyk

GARRETT — Betty J. Zeedyk, 72, of Garrett and formerly of Churubusco, died Friday, April 29, 2005, at her home following a two-year struggle with cancer.

Mrs. Zeedyk

She was retired from Compra Care Home Health Services.

The Noble County native was born Sept. 26, 1932, in Green Township to Floyd and Ruth (Haney) Diffendarfer. She married Calvin Zeedyk in Churubusco on July 22, 1950. He died Feb. 10, 1994.

She was a member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 136 and she attended Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her companion, Victor Barcus; a daughter and son-in-law Rita and Rex Harpel of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Sybil Zeedyk of San Antonio, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Rex and Jackie Diffendarfer of French Lick; a sister and brother-in-law Pylis and Lee Lambert of Holister, Fla.; stepmother Arreha Diffendarfer of Churubusco; a half-brother, Monte Diffendarfer of Churubusco; two stepsisters, Oneda Young of Churubusco and Val Hackman of Auburn; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and special daughter Linda Long of Churubusco.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; and a son, Randy Zeedyk.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastors Christine Newman-Jacobs and William Claxton officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Churubusco United Methodist Church or the Eastern Star Chapter 136.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE EVENING STAR

MAY 1 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mr. Eshelman was funny, honest, caring

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Dale Eshelman remembered every joke he ever heard during his long career as a salesman, according to his daughter, Margaret Tarney Ewing.

Even when he was a resident of the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla suffering from Lewy bodies dementia, a form of dementia that shares characteristics with both Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, he would tell those stories.

"He would tell jokes whenever we visited," Ewing said, "except for the last six months, when he finally lost awareness." Mr. Eshelman died Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the age of 93.

"He had a story for every occasion, and could always get people to laugh," agreed longtime friend Ora Gisel. "Especially if there was any stress, as there sometimes would be at church meetings." Both men were trustees of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church, now known as Faith United Methodist Church.

The two friends were active members of the church, and Gisel recalled Mr. Eshelman came to Kendallville when Gisel was 8 or 9 years old. He married Harriet Prentice, who was a classmate and friend of Gisel's sisters.

In later years following World War II, both men participated in the church's Christmas cantata. Gisel was a choir member and played King Herod; Mr. Eshelman ("He couldn't carry a tune in a basket," Gisel said) was a Roman soldier.

Ewing recalled that both she and her sister, Carol Ann, had a fit when they saw their father's extremely hairy legs.

"We told dad he looked like heck, and he should shave his legs," Ewing laughed. He did, and later joked about how much his legs itched.

Mrs. Eshelman was an organist and choir member, and Ewing recalled another occasion when her dad was to give readings between musical numbers.

Gisel, also laughing at the recollection, said Mr. Eshelman had trouble knowing when to begin reading, and during rehearsals would start before the choir was finished.

"Harriet tied a rope around his ankle, and would give it a tug to give Dale his cue," Gisel said.

Ewing said her dad actually could sing, but was intimidated by his wife's singing and musical abilities. She said he sang often while in the nursing home.

"He could sing every verse of 'I Don't Know Why I Love You Like I Do,'" Ewing said, "and he did pretty good!"

Mr. Eshelman loved to fish, and Gisel remembered him bringing fish to the Gisel home during the Great Depression.

"He knew mother loved fish," Gisel said, "but he would never take anything for them. He said that would be illegal."

"Dad was as honest as the day is long, that is for sure," Ewing agreed. "He always tithed, no matter how poor we were. He said that is why he lived so long, that the Lord was taking care of him in return."

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Dale Eshelman, right, shaved his legs to please his daughters when he appeared in a church Christmas progam in the early 1950s. At left is Ora Gisel.

Son-in-law Robert Ewing didn't know Mr. Eshelman long before his illness, but shared a love for fishing. "He was the neatest man I ever knew. I am so glad I got to know him," he said.

"He was a very loving father," Ewing said. "Mom could spank me, and I would cry, but Dad could get the same result just by speaking to me.

"Once I did something wrong, and Mom told me I was to get a spanking when Dad got home. I started to cry as soon as he walked in the door," she recalled. "Dad took me into the bedroom for my spanking, and he asked me if I was sorry. I said I was, and he slapped the bed twice with the yardstick, and then told me to bawl real loud so Mom would know I got punished.

"He was sensitive and caring, and loved very much."

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Mr. Bolin never knew a stranger

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — For decades, William Bolin sat on a swing in his backyard with many of his 14 grandchildren.

"My kids are 30 and 27, and he sat on that swing with them," said Karen Eyster, the oldest of Mr. Bolin's four children. "Madison (his youngest grandchild) is 6, and he was still out there with her, showing her the different kinds of birds."

Mr. Bolin died Thursday, April 21, 2005. He was 74.

Karen said her father was a great dad, but that he relished his role as a grandfather even more.

"All the pictures of him you find, he's pretty much always with the grandkids," she said. "He's pulling sleds or pushing swings."

The storied backyard swing at the Bolin's underwent some tweaking after Karen's daughter, Jenny, flipped over on it.

"She hung on, but don't ask me how," Karen said with a chuckle. "After that, Dad put two ties on the back of the swing so that didn't happen to any of the other kids. He was very into the safety of the grandkids."

Karen said she remembers her father helping out total strangers.

"He'd see people had left their lights on in their cars, and he'd get in to turn them off. We kept telling him he was going to get arrested, but he did it anyway," she said. "He'd help people out of the store with their groceries. One time, he was driving behind a car that was swerving. He got in front of the car, and the guy was drunk. He brought him home to sleep on our couch. Of course, we lived in the country and things were different then."

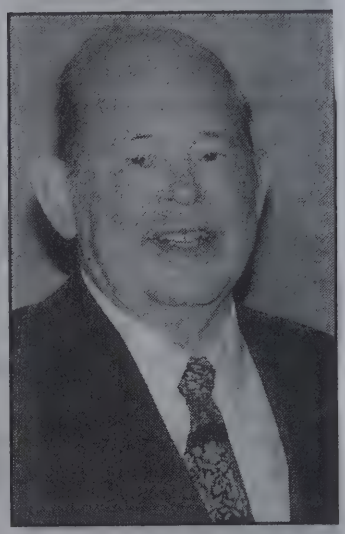
Karen said she remembers her mother, Marie, and her father being a loving, devoted couple. The Bolins were married for 50 years this past March.

"He loved my mother to death and would have done anything for her," she said.

Mr. Bolin was a major in the U.S. Air Force, serving in the Korean War.

"We moved every two or three years when my dad was in the service," Karen said. "Whenever we were in a new place, he'd take us around to see what there was to see."

Mr. Bolin worked for Steuben Printing Co. and taught accounting at Tri-State University. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, Knights of Columbus, Angola Lions and Angola American Legion Post No. 31. He also was a Tri-State University graduate.



Mr. Bolin

Larry Grubb

BUTLER — Larry Gene Grubb, 60, of Butler died Friday, April 29, 2005, at 8:50 a.m. at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Grubb

Mr. Grubb was an electronics technician. He owned and operated Grubb Electronics in Auburn from 1971 to 1993.

He was born June 26, 1944, in Auburn to Eugene and Dorothy Ellen (Obendorf) Grubb.

He married Martha Nodine on Dec. 10, 1972, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are his father, Eugene Grubb of Auburn; a daughter, April Grubb of Butler; and a sister, Ann Grubb of Indianapolis.

His mother preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to organ donation organizations.

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MAY 1 2005 Auburn, Indiana

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Betty Zeedyk

GARRETT — Betty J. Zeedyk, of Garrett and formerly of Churubusco, died Friday, April 29, 2005, at her home following a two-year struggle with cancer.

She was retired from Compra Care Home Health Services.

A Noble County native, she was born Sept. 26, 1932, in Green Township to Floyd and Ruth (Haney) Diffendarfer.

She married Calvin Zeedyk in Churubusco on July 22, 1950. He died Feb. 10, 1994.

She was a member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 136 and attended Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her companion, Victor Barcus; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Rex Harpel of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Sybil Zeedyk of San Antonio, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Rex and Jackie Diffendarfer of French Lick; a sister and brother-in-law Pyllis and Lee Lambert of Holister, Fla.; her stepmother, Arreha Diffendarfer of Churubusco; a half-brother, Monte Diffendarfer of Churubusco; two stepsisters, Oneda Young of Churubusco and Val Hackman of Auburn; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a special daughter, Linda Lang of Churubusco; and many friends.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents and a son, Randy Zeedyk.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastors Christine Newman-Jacobs and William Claxton officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, the Churubusco United Methodist Church or Eastern Star Chapter 136.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Valetta Mantle

KENDALLVILLE — Valetta Adele Mantle, 79, of rural Kendallville died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Mantle

Mrs. Mantle was a homemaker. She and her husband, Harley, had lived on a farm in Noble County since 1965. She was a former resident of Whitley County and a graduate of Columbia City High School.

She was a member of the auxiliary of VFW Post 5582 in Columbia City.

Mrs. Mantle was born May 15, 1925, in Whitley County to George W. and Mary Katherine (Marker) Morrissey. She and Harley E. Mantle were married by the Rev. Ivan Holloway on June 3, 1944, at the Washington Center EUB parsonage. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Arden Dewayne and Jean Mantle of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Ramonda Kay and Hugh DeLong of Albion; two sisters, Madalyn "Smat" Rex and Betty Mains, both of Columbia City; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Vickie Adele Mantle; and two brothers, Charles William and Richard E. Morrissey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside, Columbia City, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Ben Shaftner

PLEASANT LAKE — Ben C. Shaftner, 58, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, April 30, 2005, at home.

Mr. Shaftner was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and was with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for eight years. He retired as a millwright, and was a member of the millwright union Local 1049.

He was born Sept. 24, 1946, in Auburn to Bernard Sr. and Vivian (Branson) Shaftner. On Aug. 26, 1975, he married Marcie J. Jolly in Fremont, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, John W. Shaftner of Sneads Fall, N.C.; four sisters, Mabel Rienard of Spencerville, Barabra Broeking of Fort Wayne, Bonnie Dwyer of Leo and Donna Fry of Auburn; seven nephews; three nieces; nine great-nephews; and nine great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bert Sproat.

Private services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to add information.*

Ben Schaftner

PLEASANT LAKE — Ben C. Schaftner, 58, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, April 30, 2005, at home.

Mr. Schaftner was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and was with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for eight years. He retired as a millwright, and was a member of the millwright union Local 1049.

He was born Sept. 24, 1946, in Auburn to Bernard Sr. and Vivian (Branson) Schaftner. On Aug. 26, 1975, he married Marcie J. Jolly in Fremont, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, John W. Schaftner of Sneads Fall, N.C.; a grandson, Lincoln William Schaftner; four sisters, Mabel Rinard of Spencerville, Barabra Broeking of Fort Wayne, Bonnie Dwyer of Leo and Donna Fry of Auburn; seven nephews; three nieces; nine great-nephews; and nine great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bert Sproat, and a grandchild, Lincoln William Schaftner.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Marianna Watson

AUBURN — Private services for Marianna McCrum Watson, 87, of Auburn will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn for family and friends.

Mrs. Watson died Sept. 22, 2004. She grew up in Huntington and was a graduate of Huntington High School.

She was born Jan. 14, 1917, to Robert McCrum Sr, and Elizabeth McCrum.

She married R. Myron Watson, the eldest son of Gertrude and Pearl A. Watson of Auburn, in 1940. They lived at Auburn, Hamilton Lake and Marion.

After her husband's death in 1957, she lived in Italy for a year and then settled in California.

She is survived by a sister, Betty Bianchi Marx; two daughters, Mary Elizabeth "Betsey" and Margaret Ann "Peggy"; four grandchildren; nephews including John W. Bower of Auburn and Dick Florea of Huntertown; and a niece, Jeanne Pernsteiner of Canton, Ohio.

Bessie DeLaughter

AUBURN — Bessie M. DeLaughter, 78, of Auburn died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at her home.

A homemaker, she was born July 23, 1926, in DeKalb County to Ralph and Janie (Bice) Baughman.

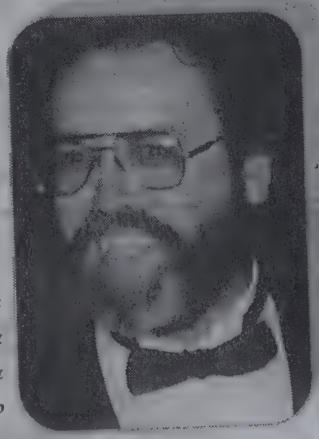
Surviving are a daughter, Mary Speicher of LaGrange; two sisters, Elsie Dickman of Auburn and Rozella Cook of Butler; four brothers, Ralph Baughman of Hamilton, Floyd Baughman of Pleasant Lake, LeRoy Baughman of Auburn and Estil Baughman of Angola; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Baughman.

There will be no services or calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Larry DePew

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, That anyone could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part.



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The Clemons Family & The DePew Family

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Richard Yoder

AUBURN — Richard W. Yoder, 63, of Auburn died at noon Sunday, May 1, 2005, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Yoder

Mr. Yoder retired in 2002 as vice president of regional sales with ConAgra after 37 years of service. He graduated from Goshen High School.

He was born Dec. 10, 1941, in Goshen to Robert and Dorothy (BeMiller) Yoder. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Melanie Jaicomo of Indianapolis, Angela and Mike Lankford of Rowlette, Texas; and Dr. Kristine Yoder-Lain and her husband, Christopher, of Pittsburgh; nine grandchildren, Alexandra and Nicholas Jaicomo, Casey, Hunter and Colton Lankford, and Emily, Henry, William and Samuel Lain; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Norma Yoder of Punta Gorda, Fla., Robert and Mary Yoder of Olathe, Kan., and Philip and Sue Yoder of Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before services. The Rev. David Mitchell will officiate.

Additional calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital, American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

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Ben Schaftner

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Mr. Schaftner was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and was with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for eight years. He retired as a millwright, and was a member of the millwright union Local 1049.

He was born Sept. 24, 1946, in Auburn to Bernard Sr. and Vivian (Branson) Schaftner. On Aug. 26, 1975, he married Marcie J. Jolly in Fremont, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, John W. Schaftner of Sneads Fall, N.C.; a grandson, Lincoln William Schaftner; four sisters, Mabel Rinard of Spencerville, Barabra Broeking of Fort Wayne, Bonnie Dwyer of Leo and Donna Fry of Auburn; seven nephews; three nieces; nine great-nephews; and nine great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bert Sproat.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Arrangements were by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Florence Aldrich

HAMILTON — Florence Arlene Aldrich, 92, of Hamilton died Monday, May 2, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Aldrich was born on Sept. 1, 1912, in Hamilton to Pearl (Elzor) and Elmer Oberlin. She married John W. Aldrich on Jan. 31, 1932, and he preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church for 78 years.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John Phillip and Sandy Aldrich of Fort Wayne; former daughter-in-law, Betty Aldrich of Auburn; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry W. Aldrich.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory, Hamilton.

Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

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Nina Hettinger

FORT WAYNE — Nina E. Hettinger, 92, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

She retired in 1963 from Chamberlain Products in South Whitley. She attended Highland Bethel Church.

She was born June 11, 1912, in Auburn to William Franklin and Emma Frances (Rigg) Hettinger. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by by three brothers, Bill Hettinger, Jess Hettinger and Otto Hettinger, and two sisters, Dora Shaw and Leota McKowen.

There will be no calling or services.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, is handling arrangements.

Patrick Bolman

ANGOLA — Patrick J. Bolman, 57, of Angola died Monday, May 2, 2005, in Steuben County.

Mr. Bolman was born Feb. 13, 1948, in Marion to Phillip K. and Mary M. (Maxwell) Bolman. He married Cheryl Hite on Aug. 20, 1977, and she survives.

He was a naturalist at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site. He was involved with ACRES land trust, Issac Walton League, Sierra Club, Cousteau Society, National Association of Interpreters, North East Folk Music and Instrument Gathering and numerous other outdoor activities. He was an avid dulcimer player and builder.

Also surviving is a brother, Kenneth Bolman of Fort Myers, Fla.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are being handed by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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MAY 5 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Spencerville man dies in rural crash

SPENCERVILLE — Allen County Police say a Spencerville man died in a Wednesday-morning crash just south of the DeKalb-Allen county line.

Jason P. Norris, 24, was killed sometime before 5:30 a.m. when his 2002 Chevrolet pickup truck crashed on Bull Rapids Road.

According to police, Norris was driving northbound when for an unknown reason the vehicle left the road and rolled several times, ejecting him from the pickup. His body and the wrecked truck were found in the front yard of a residence in the 19300 block of Bull Rapids Road, police said.

"It is not known if alcohol or drugs were a factor in this crash," said Victor Hopkins, spokesman for the Allen County Police Department. Toxicology results will not be available for approximately two weeks, he said.

Norris had attended Eastside High School, and was employed at Graber and Graber Concrete of Grabill.

Eric Gearhart

SOUTH BEND — Eric L. Gearhart, 39, of South Bend died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at his residence after a four-year illness and was found Tuesday, May 3, 2005,

Mr. Gearhart

He was a manager with Richards Restaurants in Auburn, Kendallville, Columbia City and South Bend from 1981 to 2000, until being disabled in a motorcycle accident.

He attended Northway Church of Christ in South Bend. He was a member of ABATE Motorcycle Club and Auburn Moose Lodge 666.

Surviving are a daughter, Taylor Gearhart of South Bend; his mother, Darla A. (Deihl) Gearhart of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jed Gearhart of Auburn and Brett and Deborah Gearhart of Marienville, Pa.; three nephews, Isaiah, Micah and Joshua Gearhart of Marienville; and uncles and aunts, Norman and Merrion Gearhart of Camarillo, Calif., Louann Gearhart of Kansas City, Kan., Dori Johnson of Auburn and Deb and Jerry Thomas of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald L. Gearhart; a brother, Blake Gearhart; and a brother who was stillborn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ with John Scott and Ed Erskines officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or DeKalb High School softball.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Jason Norris

SPENCERVILLE — Jason P. Norris, 24, of Spencerville died Wednesday, May 4, 2005, in Spencerville.

Born in Huntington, Mr. Norris was a concrete finisher with Graber & Graber and a 1999 graduate of Eastside High School in Butler.

He is survived by his parents, Mark and Nancy Norris of Spencerville; three children, Alexis Nicole, Madison Paige and Hailey Ann, along with their mother, Megan Norris of St. Joe; a brother and sister-in-law, Christian and Missy Norris of Huntington; a sister, Sara Norris of Huntington; and his grandparents, Helen Norris of Fort Wayne and Eldon and Doris Meyer of Huntington.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jason's Children's Education Fund, in care of Mark Norris.

George Wheeler

AUBURN — George Wheeler, 81, of Auburn died Thursday, May 5, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Wheeler was a DeKalb County farmer and a plant machinery repairman for Messenger Corp. in Auburn for 39 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a graduate of Waterloo High School.

He was born Sept. 13, 1923, in DeKalb County to Greenwood and Lola (Dewitt) Wheeler. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty L. Daub on June 27, 1946. She died Oct. 16, 1996.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry W. and Pam Wheeler of Spencerville; a daughter and son-in-law, Louanne and Dan Nommay of Elkhart; a sister, Ruth Brandon of Auburn; four grandchildren, Matthew Wheeler, Amanda Nommay, Danielle Nommay and Hannah Wheeler; a niece, Joyce Buss of Kendallville; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Varian Wheeler, and a son, Lane Allen Wheeler.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson's Association.

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Helen Hyde

GARRETT — Helen A. Hyde, 86, died Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 9:50 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hyde

Mrs. Hyde was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett and Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born Aug. 1, 1918, in the Bronx, N.Y., to Ernest and Julia (Parlato) Iannetti. They preceded her in death.

She married Louis F. Hyde on Jan. 11, 1944, in the Bronx, N.Y. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Judy Kovara of Fort Wayne, Margaret R. Hyde of Fort Wayne and Patricia and Jim Duguid of Huntington; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Kathleen Hyde of Garrett and Joseph and Lori Hyde of Corunna; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Anna Muzzillo.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph School of Garrett.

Edman Charlton

AUBURN — Edman Woodrow "Charlie" Charlton, 87, of Auburn, died Friday, May 6, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Charlton drove a truck from Fort Wayne for Renners Express of Indianapolis for 15 years, retiring in 1962. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Waynedale Fire Department for several years and was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo.

He was born Jan 1, 1918, in Ellington, Mo., to Cluster and Mary (Kitchel) Charlton. They preceded him in death.

He was married to Frances Isabell (Maxwell) Charlton for 55 years until they divorced.

Surviving are three sons, Frank Charlton of Fremont, Herbert Charlton of Edgerton, Ohio, and Marvin Charlton of Morrison, Mo.; a stepson, William Fagan of Yoder; four daughters, Sue of Carlyle, Ill., Betty Lou Sales of Kendallville, Brenda Maxfield of Auburn and Mary Lynn Gibson of Kendallville; a brother, Cluster "Bud" Charlton of Fredericktown, Mo.; a sister, Dorothy Wooter of Centralia, Ill.; his companion, Betty; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, four sisters and two daughters, Dorothy Klotz and Margaret Ann Charlton.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Freewill Baptist Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

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'Man in the wheelchair' stood tall

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AUBURN — Frank Bidlack loved people. And they loved him right back. Mr. Bidlack did not enter a room — he filled it with his presence.

Large in stature, standing 6 feet, 3 inches tall, Mr. Bidlack greeted everyone with a winning smile and firm handshake. He made friends instantly and treasured them forever. Many of those friends drove hours to attend his funeral after he died Monday, April 11, 2005, at the age of 76.

"Ooh, we loved Frank!" was the enthusiastic response of Steph Helgesen and co-workers at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival office, when asked about Mr. Bidlack, who had volunteered as ACD Festival photographer for nine years before his death.

"Frank would just stop by to say hello when there were no events to photograph. He was so fun, and we all loved it when he dropped by," Helgesen said.

For the past 18 years, all was not well with Mr. Bidlack, but he did not divulge details or complain about his life-threatening illnesses. His sense of humor never wavered, right up to the end, when — after a nurse kept asking questions as he lay in a drug-induced sleep — he suddenly awoke and asked his visitors, "Why is she asking me?"

Mr. Bidlack suffered an abdominal aneurysm in October 1986 that paralyzed him and confined him to a wheelchair for the remainder of his life. He suffered from macular degeneration and was legally blind. Last year, after being told he had prostate cancer, Mr. Bidlack underwent 41 radiation treatments.

Others might have given up, but not Mr. Bidlack.

"It didn't matter how badly he felt, he never let the outside world know about it," said Joyce Bidlack, his wife of 55 years.

Sharon Fouke, volunteer coordinator at the ACD Museum where Mr. Bidlack served as a tour guide for 18 years, remembers him well.

"I would be in the showroom and Frank would silently roll up behind me in his wheelchair," said Fouke. Then he would suddenly nudge and startle me. "Couldn't you hear me?" he would ask. "I'm a rolling Duesenberg."

Fouke always put Mr. Bidlack in charge of talking to the new tour guides. The younger men who gathered around Mr. Bidlack were instantly entertained.

"He had great stories and knew the cars inside and out," Fouke said. "He was an exceptional mentor."

In his early 20s, Mr. Bidlack got involved in doing choral work and was hooked. He played the tuba, string bass and saxophone, but what he really loved to do was direct. For years he served as director of the Mizpah Shrine Chanters and later, the Auburn St. Mark's Men's Chorus.

"We always had music in our home," said Mr. Bidlack's daughter, Inga Secrest. "From the time we woke up until the time we went to bed, there was music. Sometimes it was jazz and in the evening, it was classical to calm us down."

"From a young age, I could not get over the beauty of watching (my dad) direct," she went on to say. "He had poetic hands."

Secrest credits her father's influence for her love of music and dance. Her brother, Lynn Bidlack, is a jazz musician.

The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, where Bidlack was a member and past director of the men's chorus, said the first thing he noticed about Mr. Bidlack was his wonderful laugh.

"When I came (to this parish), Frank and Joyce met my family at the airport and the first thing they did was give us a tour of Auburn," Kummernuss said. "A group of us went to visit Frank when he was hospitalized in Chicago. We cared so much for him — everyone did."

"Dad was highly intelligent and never pretentious. He could talk to people from every walk of life. He never talked down to anyone and he was genuinely interested in what they were saying. Wherever we went, dad was talking," said Lynn Bidlack.

Frank Bidlack was born in Fort Wayne and at the young age of 13 found his niche in life when he began working in sales at a corner grocery store. He served in administration in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955 and retired from Rea Magnet Wire in 1985 after working as a sales representative for 27 years. He was involved also in the Southgate Lodge F&AM, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine and Order of the Eastern Star.

Shortly after Frank and Joyce Bidlack married and moved into their first apartment, they met a couple who lived downstairs, Pat and Dorman Walker. The four became lifelong friends and the men even joined the Air Force and left for duty at the same time.

When they were older, both men became wheelchair-bound. Walker remembers attending a social event where Mr. Bidlack — who had more upper-body strength than Walker — "carried" his longtime buddy. "He was zipping along at a pretty good pace and I couldn't keep up," Walker said. "Finally, we hooked my walking cane onto the back of Frank's wheelchair and I held on while he pulled me through the hallways."

"When people would see me without Frank, they would say, 'Where's ornery?' or 'How's trouble?'" Joyce Bidlack recalls.

Secrest remembers how her father once woke up her brother — who was a young teen at that time and prone to oversleeping — with a Water Pik that he had filled with cold water and "fired" at the sleeping teen from across the room.

"The earliest recollection I have is of my father being so tall," Secrest said. "Years later, people would describe him as 'the man in the wheelchair' but I don't remember him that way. He was always bigger than life."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Frank and Joyce Bidlack relax at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, where he served as a volunteer for 18 years.

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Richard Surfus

GARRETT — Richard S. Surfus, 75, died at 1:25 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

On Feb. 9, 1930, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Wayne H. and Edith (Houser) Surfus. He married Betty F. McCosh on Aug. 8, 1953, in Garrett. She preceded him in death on May 22, 2000.

He was a forklift operator at Warner Gear in Auburn before retiring in 1988. He also enjoyed farming.

Mr. Surfus was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean conflict, and a member of the Garrett American Legion.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Randy and Sandy Surfus, Tony and Cathy Surfus and Paul Surfus, all of Garrett; a brother, Donald "Don" Surfus, Mishawaka; and six grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Cedar Creek Cemetery south of Garrett, with military honors given by the Garrett American Legion and V.F.W.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett American Legion and Miller's Merry Manor.

Condolences may be emailed to: condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Wanda Elliott

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda L. Miller Elliott, 69, of LaGrange and formerly of Rome City died at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange where she had been a resident for nine years.

Mrs. Elliott had lived in Noble County and Rome City since 1956. She had made her home with Walter Savieo in Rome City for 32 years.

She had been a waitress at the Redwood Drive-In and at Glen and Nancy's Breakfast House, both in Kendallville.

Mrs. Elliott was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville.

She was born April 16, 1936, in Garrett to August and Vesta (Barber) Diederich. In June 1956, she married Walter Miller. He preceded her in death.

Surviving with Mr. Savieo are a daughter, Sandra Miller Crothers of Kendallville; a sister, Nancy Hazelton of Davenport, Fla.; two brothers, James Diederich and David Diederich, both of Garrett; and a granddaughter, Abigail Crothers and her fiance, R. Baron Bredel, both of Lafayette.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters, Maralene Miller, Evelyn Baughman, Gladys Dicks and Violet Aschleman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor James Tews of Messiah Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery in New Haven.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Messiah Lutheran Church building fund.

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Martha Carpenter

ANGOLA — Martha Marie Carpenter, 79, of Angola died Friday, May 6, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Carpenter was born Nov. 13, 1925, in Noble County to Ora and Anna M. (Bauman) Miller. She was married to Thurl W. Carpenter in 1973, and he preceded her in death on March 2.

She was a housekeeper at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Surviving are a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Ronald and Cassandra Lewis of Columbus, Ohio; and three brothers, Bill Moon of Angola, Jerry Moon of Butler and Frank Moon of Detroit.

There will be no services or calling. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Joyce Cunningham

FORT WAYNE — Joyce C. Cunningham, 83, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 8, 2005.

A Fort Wayne native, she retired from L.S. Ayres in 1970 and worked at Morrill Motors. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving are two daughters, Constance Cunningham Caldwell and Rebecca Cunningham, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Suzanne E. Cserep of Auburn.

Her husband, Robert Cunningham, preceded her in death.

Sevices will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 2 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. An Eastern Star service will begin at 6:30 tonight in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church.

William Dunn

KENDALLVILLE — William B. "Bill" Dunn, 70, of Kendallville died at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 8, 2005, at his home. He had been ill the past year.

Mr. Dunn had retired as a furnace and air conditioner installer. He had lived in the area since 1989.

He was born Sept. 19, 1934, in Rushville to Alden and Anna Louise (Wolferst) Dunn. On Sept. 1, 1953, in Rushville, he married Martha R. Palmer. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Priscilla and Paul Rose of Connersville, Martha Jo and David Fortmeyer of Rushville, Reva Louise and Robert Hays of Auburn, Billie Jean Gilyan of Springfield, Mo., Beverly and Joe Ritchie of Rome City and Pamela Horn of Lansing, Mich.; two sons, Benjamin "Benny" Dunn of Kendallville and Randy Dunn of Auburn; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lillian Allison of Clarksburg, Dorothy and Donald Stevens of West Port and Bertha and Kenneth Skaggs of Rushville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Alden and Janice Dunn of Rushville, John and Lorene Dunn of Brookville and Robert Dunn of Greensburg; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, William Dunn in 1990, and two sisters, Betty Bockover and Tillie Howe.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Lake View Cemetery with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle of The Rock officiating.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

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Florence Marcom

FORT WAYNE — Florence J. Marcom, 60, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at Canterbury Nursing Home.

A Fort Wayne native, she was a metallurgical engineer for International Truck Engine Corp. for 32 years, retiring in 1995.

Surviving are her husband, Jeffrey L. Marcom; a daughter, Amanda T. O'Rear of Auburn; a son, Gregory Marcom of Brookings, S.D.; and three grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Michael V. and Betty J. Tierney.

Private services were Tuesday. Tom Mungovan Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Man dies in crash after 21st birthday

FORT WAYNE — A Fort Wayne man died from injuries he suffered in a single-vehicle crash early Tuesday morning, only an hour after his 21st birthday.

Fort Wayne Police said Tyler D. Criswell, 21, was driving north in the 5200 block of North Clinton Street just before 1 a.m. Tuesday when his vehicle went out of control after changing lanes. It crossed the median and southbound traffic lanes and struck an embankment.

Criswell was thrown from his vehicle, police said, and died shortly after arriving at a Fort Wayne hospital. Speed was believed to be a factor in the crash, police reported.

Allen County Coroner Dr. E. Jon Brandenberger ruled the cause of death was blunt-force trauma to the head.

Criswell was born in Kendallville and his parents live in Auburn.

Tyler Criswell

FORT WAYNE — Tyler David Criswell, 21, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Criswell was employed at the Cherry Hill Golf Club maintenance department. He was an avid golfer.

He was born May 9, 1984, in Kendallville to J. David and Jeaninne A. (Smith) Criswell. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are his grandfather, Herman Smith of Brimfield; his grandmother, Maudie Criswell of Kendallville; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Don Delagrange officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Obituary news may have been omitted due to a power disruption at KPC Media Group. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused. Obituaries arriving too late for today's edition will be published Sunday.

Dr. Charles Bowman

AUBURN — Dr. Charles M. Bowman, 93, of Auburn, died Friday, May 13, 2005, at Wesley Health Care nursing home in Auburn.

Dr. Bowman was a surgeon at McCray Hospital in Kendallville and operated the Albion Clinic in Albion. He was a physician and surgeon for 41 years, retiring in 1978.

Dr. Bowman

He was a World War II Army veteran and started the 56th Field Hospital in Vesbauden, Germany, which remains in operation.

For many years he was president of the McCray Hospital board of directors. He was a member of the American Medical Association and was an officer and taught navigation for the Power Squadron Boating Association. He was a very skilled and accomplished sailor.

He was a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine and took several years of advanced study in Chicago.

He was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church of Auburn.

He was born Feb. 6, 1912, in Noble County to Charles M. and Maude (Frazure) Bowman.

He married Amelia (Melvin) Ketzenberger in 1966 in Steuben County, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Mary Ann Ketzenberger of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy and Carl Brekke of Fond du Lac, Wis., Rita Bowman of Boulder, Colo., and Cheri and Raymond Correa of Albion; seven grandchildren and their spouses, John and Jolene Ketzenberger, Julie and Jeff Slattery, Jamie and Melisa Ketzenberger, Erik Brekke, Martha Brekke, Jessica Correa and Mathew Kurk; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Judy Bowman.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

John Nelson

HAMILTON — John Dolph Nelson, 55, of Hamilton, died Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Mr. Nelson worked at Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn for 21 years.

He was born April 8, 1950, in Midland, Mich., to Charles Edward and Mildred (Russell) Nelson. They preceded him in death.

He married Cathy Millhouse on Dec. 11, 1993, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dolph Edward Nelson of Hamilton, and a sister, Linda Nelson of Daytona, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Nelson, and a sister, Dee Nelson.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

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Martha Stuller

WATERLOO — Martha L. Stuller, 65, of Waterloo died Saturday, May 14, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Stuller worked as a seamstress for The Window Boutique in Auburn for 15 years.

She was born Aug. 30, 1939, in Auburn, to Marshall and Marjorie Sprague. They preceded her in death.

She married William V. Stuller on June 16, 1956, in Waterloo. He died Feb. 17, 1987.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James V. and Carla (Halferty) Stuller of Helmer and William B. and Jenny Stuller of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen A. and Dave Davidson of Waterloo; a brother, Martin L. Sprague of Waterloo; a stepsister, Jenny Jo Luft of Michigan; her mother-in-law, Nancy Stuller; 12 grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Stacy Stuller, Trenton and Misty Stuller, Nathan Stuller, Sarah Heimert-Stuller, Marvin Stuller, Randy Stuller, Amanda Stuller, Billy Stuller, Becky Stuller, Maranda Hays, Skyler Davidson and Tyson Davidson; and one great-grandchild, Dylan Stuller.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Patricia Stuller and Bonnita Stuller.

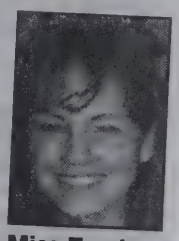
Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Emilie Franks

KENDALLVILLE — Emilie E. Franks, 24, of Columbus, Ohio, died Friday, May 13, 2005, in a traffic accident in Columbus.



Miss Franks

Miss Franks was a journalism student at Columbus State College. She was employed by the Call Center at the GAP clothing store in Columbus. She had formerly worked at American Eagle and Kittles Department Store, both in Columbus, Scott's Foods in Angola and Glenbrook Mall in Fort Wayne.

She enjoyed reading, writing stories and doing cross stitch.

She was born July 26, 1980, in Angola to Stephen and Rebecca (Steele) Franks. They survive in Ashley.

Also surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Matthew and Crystal Franks of Spartanburg, S.C., and Joel Franks of Ashley; her maternal grandmother, Lilah Steele of Wabash; and her paternal grandmother, Patricia Franks of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by two grandfathers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Beacon Baptist Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Ron Stratman officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Beacon Baptist Church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Alfred Rollins

CHURUBUSCO — Alfred L. Rollins, 79, of Churubusco died at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2005, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Rollins

Mr. Rollins had retired in 1982 as a warehouse worker at Inland Distributing in Fort Wayne. He had previously worked at Great Lakes Distributing in New Haven.

He enjoyed playing euchre, shuffleboard, doing puzzles and watching ball games.

Mr. Rollins was born Sept. 4, 1925, in Churubusco to Marvin and Florence (Deck) Rollins. On July 1, 1945, he married Martha Rowe. She died June 28, 1997.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Sherri Rollins of Garrett, and Larry Rollins and Rex Rollins, both of Churubusco; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy and Fred Hogle of Churubusco, Jo and Robert Price of Arcola and Betty Baker of Huntertown; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Clyde and Mary Rollins, Charles and Betty Rollins and Eddie Rollins, all of Churubusco; two sisters, Carolyn Shelmadine of Churubusco and Patricia Perkins of Bluffton; a sister-in-law, Vivian Rollins of Churubusco; two brothers-in-law, Fred Born of Churubusco and Louis Born of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ross E. Rollins, Clayton Rollins and Robert Rollins; two sisters, Phyllis Born and Letha Born; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with Pastor Lane Andrews of New Life Ministries in Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent online to sympahty@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Gertrude Reinhart

AUBURN — Gertrude Ginder Reinhart, 92, of Auburn, died Monday, May 16, 2005, at 6:50 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Reinhart

Mrs. Reinhart moved to Auburn in 1999. She was an active lifetime member of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. She was a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, Concord Township Home Demonstration Club and the Concord Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 8, 1913, in Wilmington Township to Hiram and Lovina (Krontz) Ginder.

She attended Hopewell School in Wilmington Township for eight years and graduated from Butler High School in 1932. In the summer months, she worked for local potato, onion, strawberry and raspberry farmers. After graduating, she worked as a seamstress in the garment factory in Butler for two years and then at the Marshall Clothing Co. for 12 years.

She married Walter Reinhart on March 15, 1936, in Donaldson. They lived and worked on a farm near St. Joe for all of their married life until he died in March 1984.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Roc and Bonnie Reinhart of Iva, S.C.; Randy and Barb Reinhart of Sedalia, Mo., and Roger Reinhart of Auburn; a daughter, Rita Penny of Redding, Calif.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Elga and Paul Ginder.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ralph Diehl and the Rev. Steve Kaehr will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Walter Gillenwater

BUTLER — Walter E. "Butch" Gillenwater, 56, of Butler died Sunday, May 15, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 2000 after 31 years with Navistar Corp.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Nikki Gillenwater of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shelly and Steve Bower of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Tracy and Kevin Brown of Fort Wayne; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Dave and Dee Gillenwater, Doug Gillenwater and Mark Gillenwater, all of Fort Wayne; his mother, Thelma of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Kyle, McKenzie, Allison, Eric, Kadi and Jack.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter W. Gillenwater.

There will be no services.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Memorials are to Ronald McDonald House.

Owen Word

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Owen R. Word, 82, of rural Montpelier died Sunday, May 15, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at his home after a brief illness.

Mr. Word operated Word Brothers Dinner Time Meats for 30 years and was a rural postal carrier in Camden, Mich., for 22 years. He had been a farmer and an area resident for the past 21 years.

He was born Sept. 20, 1922, in Angola to John and Gladys Mae (Royer) Word.

On Dec. 9, 1944, in West Unity, Ohio, he married Ruby Jean Myers. She died Aug. 2, 2004.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Ron Gilbert of Edon, Ohio, Teri and James Jarrett of Auburn, and Kelly and Phil Vreeland of Montgomery, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Diana Word of Lake Butler, Fla.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Carlton "Tubby" and Lila Word of Angola; two sisters-in-law, Thelma Word of Camden, Mich., and Ruby Word, of Angola.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, LeOtis, Kenneth and DeWayne Word.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with Al Word officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery at Montpelier, Ohio.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To send condolences and sign the online register, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Dorothy Blech

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy H. Blech, 89, died Sunday, May 15, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Blech

Mrs. Blech had worked in the East Noble school cafeteria and later retired from Kendallville Bank and Trust in 1977.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church and was a longtime member of St. John Lutheran Church where she served on many committees and as a Sunday school teacher.

Mrs. Blech was born July 7, 1915, in Steuben County to Harry and Emilie (Schreiber) Krehl. On Oct. 2, 1938, at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna, she married Harold F. Blech. The couple lived their entire married lives in Kendallville.

Surviving are her husband of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Jesus Rodriguez of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Gail Blech of Bella Vista, Ariz., and Dale and Kathy Blech of Livonia, Mich.; a sister, Mabel Frick of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mildred Rottmiller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Lutheran Women's Missionary League in care of St. John Lutheran Church or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Lechleidner

DAYTON, Ohio — Donald D. Lechleidner, 59, of Dayton, Ohio, died Friday, May 13, 2005, at his home. He had been in failing health for the last couple of years.

He was born in Garrett to Ezra and Agnes Lechleidner on April 17, 1946.

Mr. Lechleidner lived in Dayton for the past 10 years, and was a truck driver for most of his life. He enjoyed fishing, drag racing and putting models together.

Survivors include two daughters, Michelle Newsom of Corunna and Cynthia Lechleidner of Angola; two sons, Marty Lechleidner and Rich Hall, both of Waterloo; two sisters, Diane Larson of Angola and Jane Simon of Burbank, S.D.; a brother, Harvey Lechleidner; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held at Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Burial will follow.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Laura Balliet

FORT WAYNE — Laura R. Balliet, 82, died Sunday, May 15, 2005, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Butler, she worked at Byron Health Center for 11 years.

Surviving are five sons, Lee Roy Kinley of Huntertown, Albert White of Chelsea, Mich., Robert Grim of Huntertown, Jim Grim of Saline, Mich., and Walter Grim of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mildred L. Geeting of Angola; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Linda Balliet; and three brothers, Gordon, Jesse Jr. and Curtis Roose.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to M.A.D.D. or the American Cancer Society.

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Evelyn Stafford

ALBION — Evelyn D. Stafford, 84, of Albion died at 11:55 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Stafford

Mrs. Stafford had retired in 1991 as an office worker at Group Dekko. She had moved to Albion in 1971 from Ohio.

She was born Aug. 29, 1920, in Garrett to George E. and Eve H. (Huff) Mayo. On Aug. 30, 1942, in Columbus, Ohio, she married James E. Stafford. He is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne Louise Stafford Humphreys Johnson and Robert Steven Johnson of Kinston, N.C., and Lynda Sue Stafford Warner and John Moran of Saltville, Va.; three grandchildren and their spouses, April Suzanne and Paul Howard, Carol Kaye Johnson and Douglas Taylor and Robert Steven Johnson II; and three great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Suzanne and Anna Caroline Howard and Bodie Knox Taylor.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion or Noble House.

Cards may be sent in care of Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion, IN 46701.

Flossie Irish

AUBURN — Flossie M. Irish, 81, of Auburn died Thursday, May 12, 2005, at her home.

Born in St. Mary's, Ohio, Mrs. Irish was an inspector for Essex Wire Corp. for 20 years.

Surviving are two sons, William Irish of Auburn and Jim Irish Jr. of Butler; three grandchildren, William J. Irish, Robert Maxwell and Jimmey L. Irish; four stepgrandchildren, Char Krontz, CJ Krontz, Roger Krontz and Missy Krontz; five great-grandchildren, Manajis Irish, Sierea Irish, Haley Irish, Elissa Irish and Chariti Irish; and a daughter-in-law, Julia Irish.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Irish; a son, Jessie Irish; a sister; and a brother.

Graveside services will be today at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Patrick Bolman

ANGOLA — Patrick J. Bolman, 57, of Angola died Monday, May 2, 2005, in Steuben County.

Mr. Bolman

Mr. Bolman was born Feb. 13, 1948, in Marion to Phillip K. and Mary M. (Maxwell) Bolman. He married Cheryl Hite on Aug. 20, 1977. She survives.

He was a naturalist at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historical Site in Rome City. He was involved with ACRES Land Trust and belonged to the Issac Walton League, Sierra Club, Cousteau Society, National Association of Interpreters, North East Folk Music and Instrument Gathering and numerous other outdoor activities. He was an avid dulcimer player and builder.

Also surviving is a brother, Kenneth Bolman of Fort Myers, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Pokagon State Park, Angola (the $4 entrance fee to the park will be waived) and also at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Site.

Memorials are to the Gene Stratton-Porter Historical Site or the North East Folk Music and Instrumental Gathering.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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MAY 19 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Marion Shultz

WATERLOO — Marion E. Shultz, 62, of Waterloo died Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Shultz was a machine design engineer for Aro/Ingersoll-Rand in Bryan, Ohio, retiring in 2002.

He served in the National Guard and was a member of the Auburn First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, the Christian Men's Fellowship, Skirts and Shirts Square Dance Club and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

He was born May 17, 1943, in Auburn to Glen and Doris (Johnson) Shultz. They preceded him in death.

He married Janice Hindbaugh on Nov. 6, 1965, in Columbia City, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Lara and Troy Reinoehl of Ashley, Beth and Jason Whittington of Indianapolis and Tiana and Kirby Hobbs of Waterloo; and two grandchildren, Sydney and Kyla Reinoehl.

He was preceded in death by a son, Marion Shultz Jr., and two brothers, Barry and Mark Shultz.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First Christian Church Disciples of Christ.

William Schiek

WATERLOO — William E. Schiek, 83, of rural Waterloo died Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Schiek was a lifetime DeKalb County farmer.

He was born Jan. 12, 1922, in Waterloo to Ernest and Mabel (Stahl) Schiek.

He married Mary Jane Christlieb on May 28, 1944, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Angel Schiek of Waterloo, Greg and Susan Schiek of Waterloo and Jeff and Cathy Schiek of Edgerton, Ohio; four daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Dave Pippenger of Churubusco, Susan and Stephen Hull of Angola, Freda and Cerry Dickey of Batesville and Lisa and Jeff Grimm of Waterloo; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Patton and Don Hawver officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of the Nazarene, the Butler Assembly of God and Parkview Hospice.

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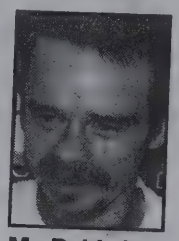
MAY 20 2005 Auburn, Indiana

David Baldwin

ELKHART — David R. Baldwin, 41, of Elkhart died at 7:58 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2005, at his home.



Mr. Baldwin

Mr. Baldwin was a welder and had worked at several area manufacturers.

He was an avid bowler and enjoyed camping and fishing. He had played on several dart leagues and was an accomplished artist specializing in drawing.

Mr. Baldwin was born Jan. 13, 1964, in Elkhart.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, David W. and Kathy Baldwin of Elkhart; his mother, Sandra K. (Grandstaff) Money of Elkhart; two daughters, Jennifer Moughler of Auburn and Paige Hickle of Elkhart; his grandfather, Robert E. Baldwin of Arlington, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Jeff Gatton of Middlebury; a brother and sister-in-law, William Edward Baldwin of Polk County, Fla.; and a half brother, Don A. Money of Elkhart.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with Mr. Baldwin's niece, Desire Daum, officiating.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Make A Wish Foundation.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to change the day of services.*

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Mrs. Stafford

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She was born Aug. 29, 1920, in Garrett to George E. and Eve H. (Huff) Mayo. On Aug. 30, 1942, in Columbus, Ohio, she married James E. Stafford. He is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne Louise Stafford Humphreys Johnson and Robert Steven Johnson of Kinston, N.C., and Lynda Sue Stafford Warner and John Moran of Saltville, Va.; three grandchildren and their spouses, April Suzanne and Paul Howard, Carol Kaye Johnson Taylor and Douglas Taylor and Robert Steven Johnson II; and three great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Suzanne and Anna Caroline Howard and Bodie Knox Taylor.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 27, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with the Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson of Asbury United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion or Noble House.

Cards may be sent in care of Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion, IN 46701.

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MAY 22 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mrs. Aldrich recalled as giving, loving

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HAMILTON — Pam Aldrich said she got very lucky in the mother-in-law department.

"You couldn't have asked for a better mother-in-law," Pam said of Florence Aldrich. "She was a wonderful lady."

Florence died May 2 at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn.

She had been in failing health for some time, and was a fixture on the prayer list at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, where she had been a member for close to eight decades.

"Isn't that just amazing?" said Eric Stoops, the current pastor of the church. Stoops said that Florence and her late husband, John, weren't just church members, they were active members. John built the lectern that is still used in Sunday morning services at the church.

"She was such a sweetie," said Cathy Haynes, a Hamilton mail carrier and member of Hamilton UMC.

Pam said her mother-in-law found comfort in the kitchen.

"She loved, loved, loved to make cookies, pies and noodles," she said. "She'd make them, and then she'd give them to everyone. She was just so giving."

Betty Gibson was someone who benefited from that kitchen generosity.

"When I was laid up after surgery a few years ago, she'd cook and bring things over for me. She'd just sit with me and talk to me," Gibson said.

Gibson returned the favor by singing at Mrs. Aldirch's funeral.

"I thought, 'OK, Florence, this is what I can do to pay you back for what you did for me,'" Gibson said.

Pam was the significant other of Mrs. Aldrich's son, Jerry, for many years. Pam and Jerry had only been married for a few years when he died 15 years ago, but Pam said she and her mother-in-law never lost touch.

"It was on-and-off, but I always kept up with her," Pam said.

Ruth Starner

GARRETT — Ruth M. Starner, 93, of Garrett died Saturday, May 21, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn.

She was born Oct. 17, 1911, in Garrett, to James E. and Cora B. (Crothers) Cripe. They preceded her in death.

On July 17, 1931, in Garrett, she married Clarence B. "Zeb" Starner. He died Sept. 3, 1997.

Services will be a 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Lakewood Park Baptist Church, with the Rev. Wayne Smith and the Rev. Clare Jewel officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

The Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Patsy Christner

FORT WAYNE — Patsy Marie Christner, 68, of Fort Wayne died Friday morning, May 20, 2005, at the home of her son in St. Joe.

She was retired from Pancner Psychiatric Associates PC, where she was office administrator. After retiring, she worked at Ethan Allen Furniture in Fort Wayne and volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital. She was a member of Christ's Church at Georgetown in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Christner

She was born July 5, 1936, in St. Joe in DeKalb County to Ralph "Pat" and Vera Marie (Rex) Hook. They preceded her in death.

On Jan. 20, 1956, at Coburn Corners Church, she married Lawrence "Larry" Everett Christner. He died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Ilene Christner of St. Joe; a granddaughter, Briana Marie Christner of St. Joe; a brother, Ed Hook of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Genevieve Overmyer of Hicksville, Ohio.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Ray Hook, and a son, Kirby Christner.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe, with Pastor Patrick Riecke officiating.

Memorials are to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, P.O. Box 40092, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

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Marilyn Stelzer

GARRETT — Marilyn Joyce O'Brien Stelzer, 67, of Garrett died Friday, May 20, 2005, at her residence.

She was a homemaker and a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She loved the Lord, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Garrett and had been attending Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn for several years.

Mrs. Stelzer

Mrs. Stelzer was born Oct. 19, 1937, in Auburn to Clarence William and Beatrice (Livengood) O'Brien.

Surviving are a son, Jeffrey Alan Stelzer of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheryl Ann and Dennis Dale Thrush of Garrett and Karen Sue and Noah Patton of Corunna; one brother, Charles Eugene O'Brien of Veedersburg; grandchildren Craig Thrush and his wife, Allison, Todd Dennis Thrush and his wife Katie Danielle, Cressida Fawn Foote II and her husband Thomas, and Nicholas Daniel Jordan; great-grandchildren Nathaniel James Bristow, Savannah Jordan Thrush, Dakota Faith Thrush, Camron Jae Thrush, Dalton Dennis Thrush, Marissa Renae Thrush, Thomas Eugene Foote III and an expected baby.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a stepfather, Herschel Link.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lakewood Park Baptist Church Deacon's Fund or to the family.

Patricia Dirrim

PLEASANT LAKE — Patrica Ann Dirrim, 68, of Pleasant Lake died at 11:43 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2005, at the home of her son in Hudson.

She worked in the cafeteria for the Prairie Heights School Corp.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, she was born Feb. 26, 1938, to Carl and Lois (Kelley) Wilder.

She attended Pleasant Lake schools, and the First Assembly of God Church in Fort Wayne.

On June 10, 1955, she married Harold Eugene Dirrim, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Cynthia Dirrim of Hudson; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Randy Quick of Indian Lake, Corunna; two sisters, Nancy Deller of Fort Wayne and Janet Gessaman of LaGrange; a brother, Tony Wilder of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren, Travis, Aaron and Jacob Quick and Michael, Kelsey, Kyra and Katie Dirrim; and seven great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Andrew, Lydia, Isabelle, Hannah and Natalie Quick and Vaughn Mestes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Grace Christian Church, 121 E. Mitchell St., Kendallville, with pastors Chris Mosley and Daniel Oswald officiating. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery of rural Angola.

Calling is from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

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MAY 22 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Ralph Bianski

LAOTTO — Ralph E. Bianski, 81, of rural LaOtto died at 10:45 a.m. Friday at his residence in Ege. He had been in declining health and seriously ill the past several months.

Mr. Bianski

He had retired in 1980 as a supervisor at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, after more than 33 years of employment. He also had farmed in Swan Township and for 32 years he was sexton of the Ege Catholic Cemetery.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Ege, where he had served in several administrative positions, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Garrett and its 4th Degree Mother Theresa Assembly, and the American Legion Post 499 in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife of more than 56 years, Mary Louise "Suzy" Bianski; three sons and daughters-in-law, Philip and Brenda Bianski and John and Sue Bianski, all of LaOtto, and Nick and Yvonne Bianski of Churubusco; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Tina and Dave Macy, Jody and Stan Ward and Sara and Garry Polakovic, all of LaOtto, and Mariann Peters of Churubusco; three brothers and and three sisters-in-law, Richard "Paul" and Pat Bianski of Wentzville, Mo., James and Phyllis Bianski of LaOtto, and Frances "Jr." and Janet Bianski of Churubusco; 25 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and three sisters, Helen Kostielney, Catherine Miller and Joan Gienger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Ege Immaculate Conception Church with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, where a rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to Masses, Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute, or Parkview Home Health & Hospice in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with a correction in calling times and information about additional surviving relatives.*

Marilyn Stelzer

GARRETT — Marilyn Joyce (O'Brien) Stelzer, 67, of Garrett died Friday, May 20, 2005, at 9:23 p.m. at her residence.

Mrs. Stelzer

She was a homemaker and a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She loved the Lord, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Garrett and had been attending Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn for several years.

Mrs. Stelzer was born Oct. 19, 1937, in Auburn. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence William O'Brien and Beatrice Lucille (Livengood) Link, and a stepfather, Herschel Etna Link.

Surviving are a son, Jeffrey Alan Stelzer of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheryl Ann and Dennis Dale Thrush of Garrett and Karen Sue and Noah Patton of Corunna; one brother, Charles Eugene O'Brien of Veedersburg; grandchildren Craig Thrush and his wife, Allison, Todd Dennis Thrush and his wife Katie Danielle, Cressida Fawn Foote II and her husband Thomas, and Nicholas Daniel Jordan; great-grandchildren Nathaniel James Bristow, Savannah Jordan Thrush, Dakota Faith Thrush, Camron Jae Thrush, Dalton Dennis Thrush, Marissa Renae Thrush, Thomas Eugene Foote III and an expected baby; three nephews, and a niece, Michael David Link, who resided with her, Mark Kevin O'Brien of Angola and Richard Lyle (O'Brien) McClellan of Mishawaka; and one niece Dawn Joyce (O'Brien/McClellan) Hoyer of Ashley.

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Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lakewood Park Baptist Church Deacon's Fund or to the family.

Robert Burnett

BUTLER — Robert Burnett, 58, of Butler died Sunday, May 22, 2005, at 3:40 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Burnett worked at TI Automotive in Ashley for six years. He was a member of the Butler Eagles and the Sons of the American Legion in Butler.

He was born Aug. 14, 1946, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., to Joseph and Mary (Faber) Burnett. They preceded him in death.

Suriviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tanessa and Robert Grubb of Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Judy Burnett of Butler; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary and Henry Conlin of Teaticket, Mass., Evelyn and Jack Kerr of Thornton, Colo., and Kathy Mayer of Wilton, N.Y.; and a special friend, Jean Hobbs of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Burnett; two brothers, Raymond and Norman Burnett; and two sisters, Emma Burnett and Lynn McNeal.

There will be no services or calling. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

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MAY 23 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Judith Alguire

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., — Judith A. "Judy" Alguire, 61, of Grand Haven died Thursday, May 19, 2005, at a Grand Rapids, Mich., hospital.

Mrs. Alguire

Mrs. Alguire moved to Grand Haven four years ago from Auburn, where she had been a fourth-grade teacher for the DeKalb Central school district, retiring in 2001.

She was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Montpelier (Ohio) High School in 1961, and graduated summa cum laude from Adrian College with a bachelor's degree in literature. She earned a master's degree in education from Indiana University.

Mrs. Alguire was an active member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven. She was a mentor for a confirmand, a member of the Mary Circle, attended many church-sponsored classes and baked cookies for the men's group.

She was a member of the book club at The Bookman and also a member of the Newcomers Book Club. She was a member of the Tri-Cities Historical Society, where she was a museum docent. She also participated in the S.T.A.R.S. program at Mary A. White School, and was a mentor at DeWitt School House. She enjoyed walking and swimming with the aqua class for arthritis at Grand Haven High School.

She was born Aug. 3, 1943, in Indiana to Forrest R. and Maxine (Bordner) Moore.

She married James W. Alguire on Jan. 30, 1966, in Montpelier, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mindy Alguire, at home; son, Corey Alguire of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sandy Moore of Flint, Mich., and Bev and Tom Keber of Defiance, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law: Don and Sharon Moore of Montpelier, Ohio, Larry and Cynthia Moore of Quincy, Mich., and Terry and Elaine Moore of Perrysburg, Ohio; and two brothers-in-law and their wives, Tom and Mary Kay Alguire of Grand Haven and Pat and Barb Alguire of Philadelphia.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jean; and a brother, Jim.

A memorial service was held Sunday afternoon at United Methodist Church of the Dunes, with the Rev. Daniel Duncan officiating. Arrangements were handled by the VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Grand Rapids Affiliate, 118 Commerce Ave., SW, Suite 100, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-4106; or to the United Methodist Church of the Dunes.

THE EVENING STAR

MAY 24 2005 Auburn, Indiana

James Buchanan

AUBURN — James Lockhart Buchanan, 76, died Sunday, May 22, 2005, in Auburn of cancer.

Mr. Buchanan was a general insurance agent in Fort Wayne during his working career. He attended Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn.

Born Jan. 28, 1929, to James M. and Blanche Lockhart Buchanan, he was raised in Indianapolis.

Mr. Buchanan graduated from Butler University and served in the Navy Reserves during the Korean conflict.

Surviving are two sons, James E. Buchanan of Auburn and Bruce R. Buchanan of Owensboro, Ky.; a daughter, Diane G. Draper of Burke, Va.; and seven grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Burial will be in the Lincoln Memory Gardens at Whitestown.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center of Zionsville is handling arrangements.

Camilla Lengacher

MONTGOMERY — Camilla Joy "Cami" Lengacher, 34, of Montgomery died Monday, May 23, 2005, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Mrs. Lengacher served as secretary to the president of Dutch Made Custom Cabinets in Grabill and later was secretary at the Daviess County Chamber of Commerce.

She was a member of the Berea Mennonite Church and was very active in all church activities. She was a member of a homemakers club. She was a 1989 graduate of Lakewood Park Christian School in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 6, 1970, in Fort Wayne to Curtis C. Graber and Carol F. Knepp.

She married Gaylord Fabian Lengacher on Aug. 5, 2000. He survives in Montgomery.

Also surviving are two children, Jaeden Kade Lengacher and Averi Wren Lengacher; her mother and stepfather, Carol and Martin Graber of Grabill; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Anna and Samuel Lengacher of Washington, Ind.; three brothers, Curtis E. Graber of Woodburn, Corey D. Graber of Grabill and Carlin M. Graber of Woodburn; six stepsisters, Wilma Zehr of Grabill, Rebecca Schwartz of New Haven, Margaret Schwartz of New Haven, Rosanna Eicher of Grabill, Marjorie Quaintance of Hicksville, Ohio, and Marlene Graber of Grabill; and four stepbrothers, Melvin Graber, Marlin Graber and Lynn Graber, all of Grabill, and Martin Graber of Butler.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Berea Mennonite Church with Brother Ed Graber, Brother Shawn Otto and Brother Dan Utz officiating. Burial will be in the Berea Church Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Friday after 8:30 a.m., all at the church.

Memorials are to the Camilla Lengacher Memorial Fund.

Gill Funeral Home, 308 E. Walnut St., Washington, is handling arrangements.

Beatrice Handley

GARRETT — Beatrice Cleo Handley, 75, of Garrett died Monday, May 23, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Handley was born July 26, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Cleo V. and Catherine (Thieke) Johnson. She was married to Ernest Leslie Handley on Nov. 28, 1947, and he preceded her in death on April 28, 1994.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Angola Christian Church.

Surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Rebecca and Harold Locke, Sandra and Lloyd Locke and Karen and George Voirol, all of Angola, Kathleen and Larry Carpenter of Ashley, Pamela Snyder and her fiance, George Blissett Jr., and Lori Houlton, all of Garrett; four sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Sonja Handley of Orland, Ronald and Kathy Handley and Mark and Emilie Handley, all of Garrett, and Michael and Jody Handley of Kendallville; four sisters, Virgie Sward of Carrollton, Texas, Betty Freeman of Coldwater, Mich., Elaine Thomas of Albion and Sue Pinkerton of Huntington; a brother, Gerald Johnson of Fort Wayne; 30 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Ernest Leslie Jr.; two daughters, Deborah and Cheryl Handley; a sister, Mary Wolf; and a brother, Donald Johnson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Flint.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

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Kevin Williamson

ANTWERP, Ohio — Kevin E. Williamson, 45, of Antwerp died Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at Hicksville Community Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

Mr. Williamson

Mr. Williamson worked in the screw machine setup department at Holgate Products in Holgate, Ohio, for four years. He previously worked at Tuthill Control in New Haven.

He was a member of the New Haven Eagles, the Columbia City Veterans of Foreign Wars post and the Columbia City Moose.

He was born Sept. 6, 1959, in Columbia City to Alan LeRoy Williamson and Colleen Ortha (Worrell) Gagnon.

He married Sandra Jo Miller on April 21, 1990, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Antwerp.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Alan Williamson Sr. and Edwina Williamson of Columbia City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Angela and Jeremy Johnson of Fort Wayne and Shanna and Mark Eck of Auburn; a son, Kevin Crowl of Spencerville; six brothers and two sisters-in-law, David Williamson of Fort Wayne, Alan Williamson Jr. of Columbia City, Bob and Kathy Hart of Fort Wayne, Barry Hart of Fort Wayne, Carlis and Patti Hinkle of Limestone, Tenn., and Matthew Gagnon of New Haven; eight sisters and seven brothers-in-law, Debra and Dave Kemp of Fort Wayne, Cyndie and Robert Goleeke of Fort Wayne, Patty and Mark Woods of Columbia City, Chris and Dan Hummel of Columbia City, Amy and Gary Hoch of Woodburn, Renee Ward of Fort Wayne, Holly and Bruce Garland of Fort Wayne and Andrea and Tom Workman of Fremont; and nine grandchildren, Kelsey Eck, Kara Eck, Katie Eck, TylerJohnson, Hunter Johnson, Haley Johnson, Makayla Crowl, Miranda Crowl and Morgan Crowl.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Colleen and Robert Gagnon.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Spencerville Community Club on C.R. 68 and S.R. 1 in Spencerville, with Pastor Jack Teeple officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. (all Indiana times) at the Spencerville Community Club.

Memorials are to the Parkview Heart Institute, 2231 Carew St., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

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Michael Collins

GARRETT — Michael Norman Collins, 29, of Garrett died Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at his home.

Born in Phoenix, Mr. Collins was a line leader with Victor Reinz Valve Seals for three years.

He is survived by his mother, Diane Hopper; a brother, Richard Arvizo of Wilcox, Ariz.; his maternal grandmother, Shirley Doeppke of Wilcox; his fiancee, Mitzi Muzzillo of Garrett; a nephew, Donni Doeppke of Wilcox; and an uncle, Michael Doeppke of Wickenburg, Ariz.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at the home of Doug and Janie Ebinger, 609 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Gary Leggett

GARRETT — Gary Dennis Leggett, 63, died Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at 4:55 p.m. in Goshen.

Mr. Leggett was a certified public accountant and worked for Dana Corp., retiring in 1996.

He had been a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge and was active in DeMolay as a Past Master Counselor. He served two years in the Army.

He graduated from Garrett High School with the Class of 1959. He earned a business degree from Indiana University at Bloomington and a master of business administration degree from Indiana University at Richmond.

He was born Nov. 19, 1941, in Fort Wayne to J. Howard and Elsie (Jackson) Leggett. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a sister, Sue (Leggett) Butler of Indianapolis; a nephew, George A. Bostwick II of Hubert, N.C., and two great nieces in Hubert.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Vera Applegate

HARLAN — Vera L. Applegate, 79, of Harlan died Thursday, May 26, 2005, at 3 a.m. at her residence.

Mrs. Applegate had retired from Wayne Candies in Fort Wayne and also had worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Scipio United Methodist Church and the Disabled American Veterans Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 17, 1925, in Kendallville to Noah and Edna (Diffendarfer) Leitch.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Darlene and Phil Schackow of Defiance, Ohio, and Penny Schackow of Harlan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Mary Applegate of Auburn and Neil and Sandy Applegate of Waterloo; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Byron Strater of Kendallville, and a brother and sister-in-law, Laurell and Mary Anna Leitch of LaOtto.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, who died in 1989, and a brother, Allen Leitch.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home at Harlan, with the Rev. Pat Fulbright officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are tot he North Scipio United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Mark Rathburn

ASHLEY — Mark J. Rathburn, 49, of Ashley died Thursday, May 26, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Rathburn was a self-employed construction worker.

He was born Sept. 27, 1955, to Forrest and Doris (Boyd) Rathburn. They preceded him in death.

Survived are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Ericka and Fred Kaufman of Hicksville, Ohio, Tara Zepeda of Fort Wayne, Nicole and Jack Adams of Auburn and Krystal Rathburn of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Avery and Peg Rathburn of California and John and Pam Rathburn of Hudson; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Darlene Hart of South Bend, Donna and Andy Hanshoe of Corunna and Cindy Smith of South Milford; and nine grandchildren, Caleb Zepeda, Karson Rathburn, Madison McCormick, Kane McCormick, Marcellus McCormick, Tristen Adams, Jack Adams IV, Derek Adams and Aubrey Kaufman.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Dakota Rathburn, and two brothers, Steve and Dave Rathburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Donald Yarian

GARRETT — Donald E. Yarian, 84, of Garrett died Thursday, May 26, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Yarian worked at Fab Construction in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring on Oct. 31, 1998. He was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force and was a lifetime area resident.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1790 and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

He was born July 13, 1920, in Avilla to Morris and Edna (Truelove) Yarian. They preceded him in death.

He married Alice Hayes on July 3, 1946, in Avilla. She died May 27, 1995.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharon Reynolds, Edna Freeze of Garrett and Marie Kugler of Pleasant Lake; five sons, David Yarian of Jacksonville, Fla., Larry Yarian of Auburn, Harry Yarian of Garrett, Rick Yarian of Garrett and Steve Yarian of Garrett; 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sons, Bill Yarian, Donald Yarian, John Yarian and Paul Yarian, and a sister, Gertrude Hamel.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Tuesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Martin's House.

THE EVENING STAR

MAY 29 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mr. Rider a POW survivor, patriot

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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KENDALLVILLE — The first thing people noticed about Robert Thomas "Bob" Rider and his wife, Claribel, was what a handsome and friendly couple they were. Bob Rider, who died April 15, 2005, did not have any enemies, according to his longtime friend Jim Buchanan of Kendallville.

Mr. Rider

"I never ran into anyone who didn't like him," said Rider's friend of 25 years. "He was a good person. He took care of his family and enjoyed life. He liked to have fun and laugh."

Rider's sunny disposition and positive attitude prevailed despite the fact that he had endured a torturous, life-changing experience when he was 22 years old.

Rider, born in LaGrange County on Oct. 19, 1922, to James E. and Hazel J. (Steele) Rider, decided to join the U.S. Army Air Force at age 20.

Two years later, on April 18, 1944, Mr. Rider, a tailgunner, was aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber along with a 10-member crew flying a mission over Berlin, Germany, and was feeling good.

He was one assignment away from completing his 25th mission — all the Air Force would allow before "retiring" combat flyers and sending them home — when his plane was shot down by the Germans.

The pilot, a young man from Fort Wayne, was killed instantly. Mr. Rider parachuted out of the flaming plane and drifted about 20 miles from Berlin before he began making his descent. The Germans were waiting for him. Five soldiers grabbed him before his feet touched the ground.

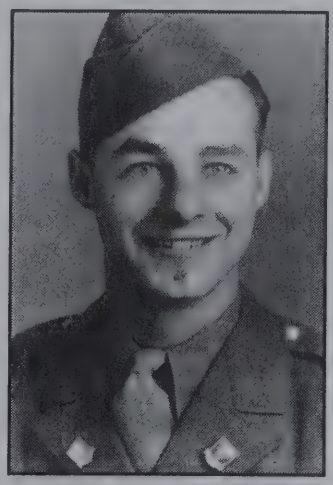
Rider and the other five survivors of the crew were separated, interrogated and kept in solitary confinement for 10 days. They received little or no food, water or bedding. Later, they were transferred to a prisoner-of-war camp 30 miles from Vienna, Austria, in a town called Krems.

Rider remained a prisoner of war for the next 13 months, until May 1945. What he remembered the most, he said in a 2001 interview, was being cold and hungry and without hope.

Rider — who had given up hope of ever getting out alive — sent one letter home and never wrote another.

That winter of 1944-45 was one of the coldest and harshest on record. Rider and his cellmates had very few blankets or warm clothing. Food was scarce. They constantly battled cold and hunger.

Rider passed the time by reading whatever he could get his hands on. It was in the POW camp that he first read the classic novel, "The Robe." For the rest of his life, Rider would continue to proclaim it as one of the greatest books ever written.



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Bob Rider wears his U.S. Army Air Force uniform at the age of 20.

Five days before World War II officially ended, the Russians advanced and liberated Vienna. In the meantime, the Germans secretly rounded up the 150 prisoners in the POW camp and marched them 150 miles toward the American lines.

They forced the prisoners into a woods and lined them up against a fence. Years later, Rider would tell family and friends that, at that moment, he was sure he was about to be killed.

But instead, the Germans began waving white flags at the approaching army — General George Patton's 3rd U.S. Army.

Rider and his companions were free.

Shortly after returning home to northeast Indiana, Rider spent a weekend in Fort Wayne talking to the dead pilot's parents and comforting them with tales of their son's heroism.

He bought a house in Kendallville where he and his first wife raised their three sons, Steven, Kim and Matthew. Rider took a job as a truck driver for Newnam Foundry, where he stayed for 32 years.

In 1987, he married Claribel Mae Long, and the couple made many friends through Bob's lifetime memberships to the Francis E. Vinyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749, American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, the Elks Lodge in Kendallville, the VFW in Churubusco, and the Old Fort Chapter of American Ex Prisoners of War in Fort Wayne.

It was always hard for Rider to talk about what had happened to him, even after he was awarded the Distinguished Prisoner of War Medal. He never volunteered the story — it had to be coaxed out of him.

Mr. Rider's faith and patriotism was steadfast to the end. Even though he was 82 when he died, he often told friends he would not hesitate to join the Air Force, accept a mission and go to war to defend the country that he loved so much.

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MAY 29 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mr. Gates 'a man of infinite patience'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — When Jane Koehler met Galen Gates in the early 1980s, the single mother of three wasn't looking for a husband.

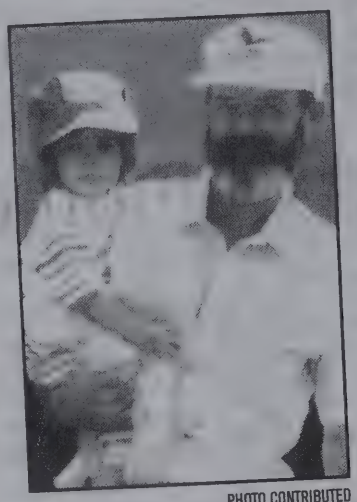
But that's what she got.

"I picked him up in a bar," Jane said, laughing.

From those beginnings came a marriage that lasted 24 years, and from which Jane and her children and grandchildren are now looking back on with fond memories after Galen's untimely death at the age of 51 on May 20 after a year-long battle with cancer.

"He had so many good points," said Jane, with obvious love and pride in her voice. "He was patient and caring. He loved old people and kids. He loved his grandkids."

When Jane and Galen met, her children were 14, 12 and 10. The couple was married in Fremont by town judge and justice of the peace Marj Mertz on Feb. 21, 1981.



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Two of Galen Gates' greatest loves were riding old trains and his granddaughter, Megan Light. Galen and Megan are pictured here in a family photo from 1993.

"He got along with my kids right away, and they liked him," she said.

Jane said getting together with Galen was kind of a culture shock for her.

"I was a city kid who got moved out onto the farm and learned how to milk cows," she said.

Jane said her children relished their new country existence.

"He had them out on tractors and crawling around on beams in the barn," she said. "Of course, I didn't find out about these things until years after they happened. But they were having a grand old time."

Galen was a man of many interests, talents and hobbies. He liked woodworking (he made furniture), traveling, riding old trains, fishing and playing cards.

He loved shopping for antiques.

"Anywhere we traveled, we had to hit the antique stores," Jane said.

Galen had always been a hard worker, Jane said. He worked in farm management for Transguard Industries for 12 years in addition to working his farm.

When he was diagnosed with cancer last June, Jane said Galen "seemed to just accept it and took things one day at a time."

"He talked a lot about when he was a kid and about things he wanted to do that never got done," Jane said.

Jane said something her husband really missed as his illness progressed was being able to go outdoors.

"He just wanted to be outside," she said. "He liked to walk into the woods and watch the birds and animals."

Galen died at home, which was what he wanted.

"I really think he was at peace," Jane said.

Jane said if people remember one thing about her husband, she would like it to be how patient and gentle he was.

"He was a man of infinite patience," she said.

John Hardenbrook

GARRETT — John Mark Hardenbrook, 54, died Friday, May 27, 2005, at his residence in Garrett.

He was born March 11, 1951, to Alan C. and Janice (Cass) Hardenbrook. Both are deceased.

He was a member of the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborn, and served in Vietnam.

Surviving are three daughters, Shannon Hardenbrook, Megan Hardenbrook and Kacy Hardenbrook, all of Garrett; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Daniel Hardenbrook of Longbeach, Calif., and Joe and Sue Hardenbrook of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Richard Van Bergen of Panpa, Texas, and one granddaughter, Hanna Hardenbrook.

A private family memorial service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Donald Yarian

AVILLA — Donald E. Yarian, 84, of Avilla, died Thursday, May 26, 2005, at his residence.

He was born July 13, 1920, in Avilla to Morris and Edna (Truelove) Yarian, now deceased. He married Alice Hayes on July 3, 1946 in Avilla. She died on May 27, 1995.

He was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a lifetime area resident and worked at Fab Construction in Fort Wayne for 28 years before retiring Oct. 31, 1998. He was a member of the Garrett Knights of Columbus Council 1790 and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon Rennwald of Waterloo, Edna Freeze of Garrett and Marie Kugler of Pleasant Lake; five sons, David Yarian of Jacksonville, Fla., Larry Yarian of Auburn, and Harry Yarian, Rick Yarian and Steve Yarian, all of Garrett; 26 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Also proceding him in death were four sons: Bill Yarian, Donald Yarian, John Yarian and Paul Yarian; a daughter, Shirley Gangwer and a sister, Gertrude Hamel.

The funeral mass is Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with the Rev. Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and also a half hour prior to the funeral mass at the church.

Memorials are to St. Martin's House in Garrett.

Send condolences to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Dolores Smith Hurni

AUBURN — Dolores R. Smith Hurni, 91, of Auburn, died Saturday, May 28, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She was born Nov. 17, 1913, in Garrett to Frank J. and Celia A. (Haynes) Minard.

She married Raymond Smith in 1938, and he died in 1968. She then married Dale Hurni in 1971. He preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sally Darlene and Ralph Tenney of Fort Wayne; a stepson, G. Wayne Hurni of San Diego, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Marilyn Minard of Auburn; a niece and her husband, Marcia and Argyl Basset of Auburn; a nephew, Jeff Minard of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Deborah Nichols and her husband Mike, Randy Mullins and his wife Linda, Rebecca Gerrard, Beth Wallis, Paul Robert Wallis and his wife, Marissa; 13 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a brother, Elmer Minard.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Bill Haworth officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or the American Lung Association.

John Yates

FORT WAYNE — John P. Yates, 63, of Fort Wayne, died at 7:57 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2005, at his residence after a lengthy illness. He had been seriously ill since October.

Mr. Yates

Mr. Yates was born in Corunna on Jan. 20, 1942. He spent his formative years in rural Allen County and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1962.

He served with the U.S. Army for two years and then returned to Fort Wayne where he lived all of his adult life. He had been employed as a lab technician at Cunningham Optical One in Fort Wayne for 35 years, retiring in 2003.

He was a member of the Thunderbird Automobile Club in Fort Wayne, and enjoyed woodworking. He was also devoted to his dogs and to his pet birds.

Surviving are his life partner, Darrell Joder of Fort Wayne, his brother, Erwin "Rowdy" Yates of Fort Wayne, five nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Erwin E. and Leona (German) Yates.

Services are Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Claire Walter officiating. Burial is in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 at the funeral home.

Send condolences to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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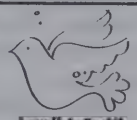
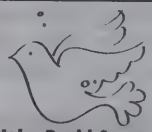


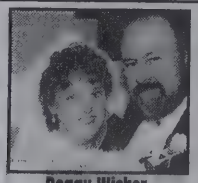
Lorell I. Smith
Mar 25, 1925-Nov 23, 2004

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Pearl & Arlene



John David Sumner
Sept 24, 1955-Jan 30, 2005

We will never forget you May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Your loving sister, Ann



Peggy Wicker
Nov 14, 1962-Apr 13, 2005
Steve Wicker
July 24, 1960-Apr 2, 2004

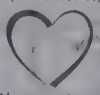
Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you.
Love and miss you dearly,
Missy, Andrew, Hakeemah, Nalanie, Eliana, Daniel, Donald, Alissa, Krissy, Michael, Bryar

905 Specials

Richard A. Hippenhammer
Jan 31, 1939-July 13, 2003
Sergeant
Army

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Your loving family

Steve Reynolds
Jan 18, 1959-Nov 17, 2000



Always missed.
Forever loved.
Becky, Stefanie, & Stephen

Laurie A. Haiflich
Sept 18, 1960-Jan 11, 2000

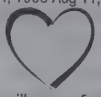
We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Your loving family

905 Specials

George C. Ayers
Aug 1, 1931-August 31, 2004
E6 USAF & Navy

Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared. We will keep you in our hearts always.
We love you & miss you
Pam & Cathy and family

Mandi Lynn DeClue
June 4, 1993-Aug 11, 1999



We will never forget you May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Love,
Nanny

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Caitlyn Marie Halferty
Jan 9, 1996-Dec 7, 2003

Memories of you are deep in my heart, even though we're miles apart.
Love always~Mom

Pete Hullinger
Apr 4, 1927-Apr 4, 1999
You are missed very much by your friends and family, but we know that you are with us everyday.
Your loving family

Matthew Terry
Apr 16, 2005-Dec 24, 2001

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Always in our heart,
Love Mom and Don

905 Specials

Elda J. Copley
Mar 26, 1927-July 7, 2002
PFC Army

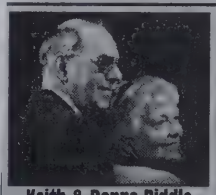
You were a light in my life that will burn forever in my heart.
Love, your family

Laura Copley
Mar 21, 1923-Nov 23, 2003

You were a light in my life that will burn forever in my heart.
Love, your family

Marge Anderson
Sept 22, 1920-July 7, 2004

You were a light in my life that will burn forever in my heart.
Love, your family



Keith & Donna Biddle
Married:
May 8, 1955-May 8, 2005

During your 38 years together we felt your love grow and you still fill our hearts everyday!
Love,
Beanie & Dan

Jeannine Marie Farrell
May 14 1967-July 1, 2004

You were a light in our lives that will burn forever in our hearts.
Your family, friends and most of all
Haley & Maranda

Bernard Schortgen, Sr
Mar 22, 1926-Mar 29, 1990
Private, Army

The days may come and go, but the memories will live on forever.
Doris & Family

Ellen (Queenie) Weirick
May 12-Aug 13, 1997
May God's angels guide you through eternity.
Your daughter Bonnie, & Family

Rosalind A. Stavitzke
1920-2004

Walter E.Stavitzke
1918-1997

Though the Cottage Flowers may come and go, our memories shared there remain just so.
Bryan Stavitzke
Grandson

Donald R. (Buck) Myers
Nov 13,1933-Mar 16, 2004
Corporal, Marines

Our Dad, our friend
We miss you so much.
You will always be in our hearts.
The Myers children

Vallis Huff
Jan 12, 1923-Apr 11, 2005

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Your family

David F. Feller
Mar 31, 1933-Oct 26, 1997
Staff Sergeant
Air Force

Thank you for the wonderful memories we shared. We will keep you in our hearts always.
The Feller and Warstler Family

Monroe Hicks
May 3, 1945-Sept 19, 1992
SP 4, Army

Dad,
It seems like yesterday that you were here.
I miss you so bad.
Not one day goes by that I don't think of you.
Love Always,
Charmin

Mark Handshoe
Aug 19, 1950-Feb 22, 1993

Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared. We will keep you in our hearts always.
Your wife & children

John E. Turner
July 4, 1931-Mar 1, 2003
Veteran, Air Force

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
From your loving wife, Sharon, your kids & grandkids

Don Anderson
Aug 12, 1915-Dec 28, 1977

You were a light in my life that will burn forever in my heart.
Love, your family

Mindy Foster
Aug 23, 1941-Aug 15, 2002

Our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still flow
What it means to lose you
No one will ever know.
We love and miss you,
Dick, Debbie, Diane, Rick, Mike, Chad

Carl J. Collins
Oct 6, 1937-Feb 26, 1999

You remain forever in our hearts.
We love and miss you.
Your family

Delmer E. Creuter II
July 8, 1944-Dec 27, 1994

Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared. We will keep you in our hearts always.
Love,
Mom & Dad

905 Specials

Kara Lynne Croy
Aug 20, 1985-Mar 4, 2005

You were a light in my life that will burn forever in my heart.
We love you Sissy Sue
Aunt Debbie, Uncle Moose, Kelcie & Holly

Kayanne Jane (Erdly) Colen
July 30, 1943-Mar 5, 1997

No life that we have ever lost, that was loved so very much, and brought so much beauty into the world, is ever really gone.
Your daughter Kim & Grandchildren Zach & Katelyn

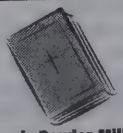
Paul E. Rice
Jul y 18, 1957-Jan 14, 2000

I saw your face, hear your voice. Breathing in your memory. Leaves will turn, snow will fall & then there is the warm summer wind.
Love, Skinny

905 Specials

Glen D. Friskney
Nov 18, 1929-Dec 2, 2000
Coast Guard

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
Love your family



Lewis Bender Miller
July 12, 1929-May 26, 2003

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.

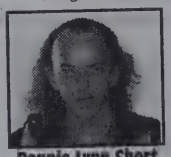
Roy L. King
Apr 28, 1933-Feb 8, 2003
PFC Army

We will never forget you.
May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Your Family

905 Specials

Jewel Short
Sept 11, 1947-Oct 30, 2003

We will never forget you May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Husband, daughters, & family



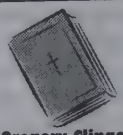
Ronnie Lynn Short
May 4, 1963-Nov 17, 1996

May God's angels guide you through all eternity.
Your family

Rhea Bonecutter
Mar 29, 1929-Sept 30, 1993

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
Husband & family

905 Specials

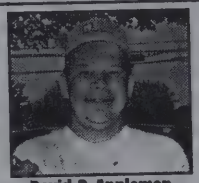


Gregory Clingan
Jan 21, 1968-Jan 30, 2003

You are always with me in my heart. Everytime a flag is lowered, I think of you.
Love your cousin, Mendy

Michael B. Kline II
June 11, 1986-Oct 22, 2002

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Love Always, Mom, Dad, Shelly and Paul



David P. Appleman
May 9, 1958-May 4, 2003

Daddy,
I love and miss you very much. See you in heaven. Butterfly kisses from me to you..
Your loving daughter, Misti

905 Specials

Kenneth Bruce Martin
Nov 30, 1945-Feb 18, 2005

When our tears won't stop, your smiling face appears before us, and the emptiness in our hearts is filled once again.

All our love forever,
Pam, Ross, Scot, Anita
Tony & Ashley

Donna Mae Osborne
Aug 27, 1946-Mar 18, 2005

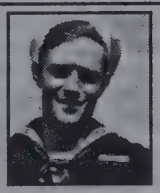
Your life with us was too short, but we will always remember and treasure the memories we had.
Your loving family & friends

Carrol Weck
Jan 29, 1935-June 5, 2004

We will never forget you.
May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Phil Weck
Diane Dnszynski & Family

Michael Lee Wright
May 3, 1986-Mar 19, 1994

Memories of Michael
The love he showed us
Hugs he gave us
Laughter of happiness
The sadness of our lives
he left us.
Mom & Dad



Richard A. Miller
Mar 3, 1921-July 13, 2003
Navy Seabee

Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared. We will keep you in our hearts always.
Your family

Michael B. Kline II
June 11, 1986-Oct 22, 2002

Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared.
We will keep you in our hearts always.
We love and miss you,
Grandma & Grandpa Kline

Elmer "Sonny" Minard
Apr 19, 1915-Dec 21, 2001

You were the light of my life that will burn forever in my heart.
Marilyn

Hugh Fulk, Sr.
Feb 5, 1914-Jan 18, 2004
Major, Air Force (Pilot)

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
Love,
Your family

Kathryn Rose Merriman
Jan 7, 1938-May 29, 2002

In our hearts,
In our minds,
Always and forever,
Don & Kids

Bruce Teller
Mar 3, 1936-May 21, 2001
Army

You left us before any of us were ready, but we know you are watching over us, especially your grandbabies.
We love and miss you.
Your loving family

Scooter
Apr 14, 1990-Dec 28, 2003

I miss you so much, my heart still aches and tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you no one will ever know.
Love,
Mom

Scooter
Apr 14, 1990-Dec 28, 2003
Bub,
I dropped a tear in the ocean and the day it is found is the day I will stop missing you.
Love,
Your lil Sis Haley

Weldon Shaffer (Gene)
Jan 18, 1931-Oct 11, 2004
NAVAL RESERVES
The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
Love, your family

Norbert G. Nesbitt
Sept 25, 1919-May 16, 1980
We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Your kids & grandkids

Betty L. Nesbitt
Mar 17, 1925-May 24, 2004
We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Love and miss you,
Your kids & grandkids

Melissa Mae Bolding
Oct 5, 1985-Oct 22, 2002

You were a light in my life that will burn forever in my heart.
Dad, Mom, Clay
Aunts, Uncles & Cousins

Sharon M. Rowe
Sept 8, 1940-July 8, 2003
We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Your loving daughter,
Reene

Sharon M. Rowe
Sept 8, 1940-July 8, 2003
We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Grand daughters
Hunter & Nekea

Kile Alan Stanley
July 11, 1996-Sept 1, 1996

You were a light in my life that will burn forever in my heart.
Mommy, Daddy,
Jake, Monica,
Megan & Family

905 Specials

Kevin Ray Kreischer
Dec 14,1954-Aug 11, 2004

Gone yet not forgotten
Although we are apart,
Your spirit lives within us
Forever in your heart.
Love always,
Renee, Kelly, Jason,
Derek, Karla, Lauren
& Grace

Beverly June Baas
June 12, 1930-Sept 18, 2003

It's nice to know you
and Len are together to
take care of each other.
ALWAYS & ALWAYS
EVER & EVER,
Rudy

Geraldine Stone
Apr 30, 1943-Dec 8, 2001

Mom,
Happy birthday, happy
mother's day. We miss
and love you always.
We'll treasure all the
memories until we see
you on the other side.
Your husband
& children

905 Specials

James F. Berry
Dec 21, 1926-May 21, 2004

The days may come and
go, but the memories
we share will live
on forever.
Love you always,
Ruth

Frank J. Molargik, Sr.
July 1, 1916-June 4, 1999

No farewell words
were spoken,
no time to say
goodbye, you were
gone before we
knew it and only
God knows why.
Love, Ruth

Steven Michael Trigg, Jr
Apr 2, 1985-Jan10, 2002

You were the light of
my life that will burn
forever in my heart.
Ellis and Mom

905 Specials

Larry Dean Ritchie
May 26, 1949-Apr 20, 2005

You were that ray of
sunshine in our lives.
We will always
remember you on your
sunny beach in Maui.
Your loving
family & friends

Jessica Lynn Otterstedt
June 8, 1987-June 26, 2004

We treasure all the
memories we shared
during your short time
YOU were with us.
You are greatly missed.
Mom, Dad
Ken & Melissa

Imogene G. Foor
Sept 6, 1922-Nov 28, 1999
You were a light in my
life that will burn
forever in my heart.
Steve, Tonya
& Kristopher

905 Specials

Dave Sweet
Dec 15, 1950-Apr 23, 1999

You were a light in my
life that will burn
forever in my heart.
Vicki and Mindy

Scooter Neff
Apr 14, 1990-Dec 28, 2003
My days and nights are
filled with memories,
but nothing fills
my broken heart.
Love,
Gram Whipple

Matthew W. Terry
Apr 16, 1985-Dec 24, 2001

We will never forget
you. May God cradle
you in His arms
throughout all eternity
Love,
Dad & Becky

Ferman D. Fiant Jr.
Served in WWII 1942
U.S.S. De Haven 727
Pacific Theatre - 3Rd Fleet
US Navy - Fireman 1st class

Thank you for fighting
for our freedoms.
Your Family Loves
& Misses You

Brandon Michael Vogel
Jan 20, 1992-Apr 4, 2004

Justin Robert Vogel
Apr 16, 1986-Apr 4, 2004

We love you dearly and miss you terribly. You will always be near and in our hearts.
Mom, Ryan & All your Family

Brooke Nicole Targgart
Apr 7, 2002-Mar 5, 2003

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Love, Mammaw & Papaw Targgart

Neal C. Wolfe
Jan 12, 1948-June 13, 2002

Daddy,
There isn't a day go by that we don't think of you. You are in our hearts forever and always.
Love,
Tracy, Teresa, Troy, Tiffancy & Elaine

CLEO JR. DONAT
Served 1943 - 1946
Army 82nd Airborne paratrooper

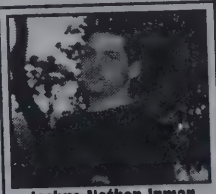
Dad, We Thank You For Defending Our Freedoms. Freedoms We Enjoy Everyday. Even Though You Are No Longer Here On Earth Your Spirit Lives Within Our Hearts.

Love, Your Family

Mal Meyers
May 25, 1937-Sept 18, 1995
Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared. We will keep you in our hearts always.,
Your Family

Nicholas Henson
Apr 28, 1982-Oct 18, 2004

Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared. We will keep you in our hearts always.
Your family



Joshua Nathan Inman
Jan 26, 1985-May 4, 2004

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
Always thinking of you,
Mom, Eddie
Amanda, Andrea,
Ashley, Jason,
Samantha, Nicole
& Brianna

M. Michael Foor
May 6, 1977-Apr 17, 1997
We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Dad, Tonya & Kristopher

Robert Anderson
Apr 21, 1917-Dec 3, 2002

Dad,
I'm proud to be your daughter.
I miss you more than words can say.
From my heart to yours,
I love you,
Vicki

Your life was a blessing
your memory a treasure...
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure...

Looking back
with memories,
Upon the path
you trod,
We bless the hours
we had with you,
And leave the
rest with God.

Sherri Phlager
July 20, 1967-Oct 18, 1997

We thank God for the time we shared with you here. Our hearts long for the day we will see you again in heaven.
The family of Sherri Phlager

Phillip E. Hannon
July 16, 1920-Oct 28, 1999
T/4 5th Air Force

Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared. We will keep you in our hearts always.
Your wife and 3 daughters

Aric Alan Smith
June 23, 1979-July 12, 1997
The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
Love, Mom

Paul Lehman
Feb 2, 1971-Jan 11, 1984

Kenneth Lehman
Feb 2, 1965-Jan 18, 1980
You were the light of my life that will burn forever in my heart.
From your Mom
Shirley Swank

Michael Kline
June 11, 1986-Oct 22, 2002
I'll never forget the good times we had. I wish you were here so I could see you hold my son.
Miss you a lot.
Dustin & Jaden

James (Jim) Fry
April 22, 1932-July 10, 2000
The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
Your family

Amy Marie Martinez
Feb 11, 1975-Mar 19, 2005

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Love,
Mom, your children
brothers & sisters

Coale Miller
May 25, 1914-Apr 25, 2005

You were a light in my life that will burn forever in my heart.

Jill N. Emerick
June 18, 1971-May 15, 2004

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Your family

Ilene R. Stiger
Oct 21, 1933-Oct 11, 2003

Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared. We will keep you in our hearts always. God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered come to me.
Family & Friends

Brian Thomas Jackson
Oct 5, 1985-Oct 22, 2002

There are no words to describe how much we miss you. The list is neverending...just like our love for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad
& Levi

Kenneth Call
Jan 24, 1926-Sept 17, 2000
You are always in my thoughts and prayers. I still miss you each & every day.
Love,
Your granddaughter
Mendy

905 Specials

Robert E. Derck
Apr 13, 1935-Mar 19, 2003
ARMY

Dad,
You are always in our thoughts. We love and miss you very much.
Love,
Donna, Angie, Dolphin, Robbie, Derk, and Theresa

Brian Jackson
Oct 5, 1985-Oct 22, 2002

No farewell words were spoken. No time to say goodbye. You were gone before we knew it. And only God knows why.
Love you, Miss you,
Grandma Jackson

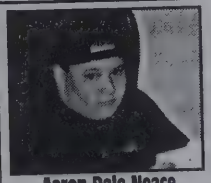
Donald Anstett
Apr 10, 1925-Jan 16, 1997

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Anstett Family

905 Specials

William D. Miner, Jr
July 8, 1953-May 28, 1983

Last night I heard your voice. I sat up and looked for your face, reached for your hand. It was only a dream. Missing you.
Your family



Aaron Dale Neace
July 31, 1980-July 3, 1998

You were the light of my life that will burn forever in my heart.
Your Family

Ellen Moore Davis
Oct 14, 1919-Feb 14, 1999

Your soul is God's. Your memories mine.
Your Family

905 Specials

Esther Zerkle
Apr 24, 1936-Sept 17, 1997

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
Elsie & Duane Huff

Kenneth Dorsey
Nov 19, 1914-Sept 4, 1986
We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Your daughter & son,
Elsie & Duane Huff
Bob & Louise Dorsey
& families

Stevie Napier
Jan 27, 1961-Oct 31, 1998

You are resting on that mountain, your work here had been done. An angel took you to heaven to live with the Father and His son.
Love,
Mom, Dad
& Family

905 Specials

Sharon M. Rowe
Sept 8, 1940-July 8, 2003

The days may come and go, but the memories we share will live on forever.
Your loving son,
"Rocky"

Kristy Campbell
Oct 14, 1948-Aug 26, 2004

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.
Miss you,
Your Family

Scooter Neff
April 14, 1990-Dec 28, 2003
We still miss you everyday. You will always be in our hearts and never forgotten. We love you forever and a day.
Aunt Jill, Uncle Phil,
Ciara, Charna
& Crystal Reuter

E. Jeanne Minick

CHURUBUSCO — E. Jeanne Minick, 83, of Churubusco died Saturday, May 28, 2005, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Minick

Mrs. Minick was the widow of physician Linus J. Minick, M.D., who had a medical practice in Churubusco for more than 40 years. The couple moved to Churubusco in 1952 from Indianapolis.

She was a 1940 graduate of Garrett High School. She attended St. Mary's College in South Bend and had worked at Bowser's in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker much of her adult life and later attended Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne and received a library science degree. She served as librarian of the Churubusco Public Library for many years.

Mrs. Minick was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco where she assisted with the finances and served as a Eucharist minister. She was also a member of St. Mary's Alumni Club in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 15, 1922, in DeKalb County to Kenneth W. and Helen I. (Loffi) Creviston. On Aug. 30, 1947, in Garrett, she married Linus J. Minick. He died Nov. 3, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Beth Minick and Chris Bourke of Indianapolis and Marsha A. Minick of Libertyville, Ill., and two sons and daughters-in-law , Dr. Michael C. Minick of Lewiston, Idaho, and Mark J. and Penny Minick of Van Wert, Ohio; and eight grandchildren, James Bourke, Brandon Bourke, Matt Minick, Megan Minick, Maxx Minick, Joe Minick, Elsie Minick and Noah Minick.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Matthew Minick on March 1, 1957.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery in Ege in Noble County.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with a rosary service at 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Public Library, St. John Bosco Catholic Church for Masses, Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice or St. Mary's College in South Bend.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Dennis Franks

KENDALLVILLE — Dennis W. Franks, 56, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 28, 2005, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Franks

Mr. Franks had worked for Dana in Fort Wayne and was later employed by Bosch in Albion.

He was a graduate of DeKalb High School and had attended barber college in Indianapolis.

Mr. Franks was a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

He was born May 22, 1949, in Auburn to Harold and Hazel (Creager) Franks.

Surviving are a son, Jay Franks of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Janelle Franks of Garrett; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Randy Franks and his friend, Connie Houston, of Ashley, Norbert and Linda Franks of Kendallville, Larry and Susie Franks of Findlay, Ohio, and Huburt and Linda Franks of Albion; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Suzanne and Glenn Robbins of Warsaw, Yolanda and Steve Lechliedner of Auburn and Katrina and Dick Smith of Ligonier.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

THE EVENING STAR

MAY 30 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Opal Kain

NEW HAVEN — Opal M. Kain, 86, of New Haven died Sunday, May 29, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Kain was a Realtor for 30 years, most recently at Lamont Realtors, and was a teller at the New Haven branch of Lincoln National Bank for 35 years. She was a member of the national, Indiana and Fort Wayne Associations of Realtors.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Diane Kain Jr. of Auburn; a granddaughter and her husband, Loraine and Todd Braun of Waterloo; a grandson and his wife, David and Joy Kain of Indianapolis; and great-granddaughters Katrina and Emily Kain and Kalie Braun.

Her husband, Bernard Kain Sr., preceded her in death in 1991.

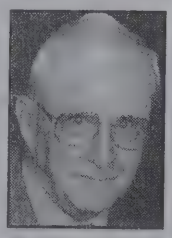
Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery of New Haven.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Robert Kline

WATERLOO — Robert E. Kline, 75, of rural Waterloo died Monday, May 30, 2005, at his home.



Mr. Kline

Mr. Kline was a lifetime farmer in DeKalb County and an active member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1947.

He was born Aug. 11, 1929, in Fairfield Township to Paul and Amy (Hecht) Kline.

On Nov. 25, 1950, in Waterloo, he married Elaine (Bowers) Kline. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Helen Kline of Lawrence, Kan., and Brian and Patti Kline of Waterloo; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Esther and Martin Donahue of Fort Wayne, Catherine and Phil Kish of Solon, Ohio, and Jennifer Kline of Sharpsburg, Ga.; a sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Al Scranage of Ashley; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Margarie Grandlienard.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Douglas Barber will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bashor Homes or a charity of the donor's choice.

Norman Griffin

AUBURN — Norman Griffin, 71, of rural Auburn died Monday, May 30, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Spencerville, he worked in production for Handy & Harman for eight years. He was a 1951 graduate of Auburn High School.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jacqueline Griffin of St. Joe; a daughter, Arika Schnepp of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four brothers, Allen Griffin of California, Ivan Griffin of Middlebury, Hobbart Griffin of New Haven and Clayton Griffin of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery on South Center Street in Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Ivaree Davis

FORT WAYNE — Ivaree Davis, 84, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at Heritage Park Health Care Center of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker and a member of the Red Hat Society and was active in her church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Linda Davis of Garrett and James and Sherrie Davis of Columbus, Ohio; four daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Paul Yoh of Leo, Carol and Frank Pion and Rebecca and Bill Johnson, all of Fort Wayne, and Leanne and John Hatzidakis of Wheatridge, Colo.; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Davis of Livermore, Calif.; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, Eugene Mundy of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Julia Kingery of Lowell.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Edgar, in 1991; and sons Robert and Thomas.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 4150 Stellhorn Road, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center or Trinity Church of the Nazarene.

Louise Mason

ANTIGO, Wis. — Louise A. Mason, 88, of Antigo died Saturday, May 28, 2005, at her home.

A native of Adams County, Ind., she was a seamstress at Van Wert Manufacturing Co., Van Wert, Ohio.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Sibley of Toledo, Ohio, and Barbara Meverden of Antigo; a son, Wayne Mason of Marshall, Mich.; a son-in-law, Keith Schrimshaw of Auburn; three grandchildren, Eric Schrimshaw, Lori Schrimshaw and Jeremy Kelsey; a great-granddaughter Morgan Kelsey; and a sister, Mildred Williamson of Nakomis, Fla.

Preceding her in death were a daughter, Janice Schrimshaw; two sisters; and one brother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Highland Park Cemetery Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Wisconsin Cancer Center in care of Barbara Meverden, N1504 Soney Road, Antigo, WI 54409.

The Bradley Funeral Home of Antigo is handling arrangements.

Lucy Stockham

LOGAN, Ohio — Lucy A. Potts Stockham, 77, of Logan died Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at her daughter's residence.

She was a graduate of Ashley High School and had retired after many years from Carl T. Johnson Roofing in Logan. She was an avid homemaker, a caring mother and grandmother.

She was born Nov. 30, 1927, in Corunna, to the late Samuel Potts and Alta Farver Potts.

Surviving are a son, John Stockham of Florence, Ky.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Andrew L. Avery of Lancaster, Ohio; four grandchildren, Amy Zickefoose of Orlando, Fla., Chris Zickefoose of Lancaster and Branden Stockham and Kelly Stockham, both of Florence; a great-grandson, Christian Zickefoose of Lancaster; and a sister and brother-in-law, Cleota and L.D. Gramling of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant grandson.

Funeral services will be Saturday at noon (Indiana time) in the Heinlein-Brown Funeral Home in Logan, with Pastor Tom Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Knollwood Cemetery of Hocking County, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to FairHoPe Hospice and Palliative Care, 1111 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130-4099.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.brownfuneralservice.com.

Constance Lahr

AUBURN — Constance J. (Liggett) Lahr, 58, of Auburn died Thursday, June 2, 2005, at her home.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Lahr was a homemaker.

She graduated from Bishop Luers High School in 1965 and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

Surviving are her husband, Laren "Butch" Lahr of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen S. and Todd Havener and Karen A. and Eric Smith, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, William Liggett of Fort Wayne; and two grandsons, Christian Havener and Nathanial Havener, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a rosary service at 7:45 p.m.

Additional calling will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Masses or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

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Mr. Calkins remembered as 'good cop'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

"He was a good cop, up and up, and a nice fellow, too."

That's how former Kendallville police chief Ben Wilondek last week described another former Kendallville police chief and colleague Lloyd Dean Calkins, 83.

The former Kendallville resident died Monday, May 30, 2005, at the hospital in Sebring, Fla. following a lengthy illness.

Calkins served as police chief for 18 of his 24 years in police service. He was first named chief in 1949 and served until 1960. He was again named chief in 1964 and served until his retirement in 1972.

"I first met Dean at the diner on Main Street near where the Corunna Bedding store is now, and I was working construction at the time," said former Kendallville Mayor John Riemke. "He was old school. He was more likely to talk someone he was arresting into his car rather than force him in. I always liked Dean."

Former longtime Kendallville police officer Michael Newton calls Calkins his mentor.

"Dean hired me," said Newton, who now works for Drug-Free Noble County.

Newton said he will never forget walking into the police department to talk to Calkins.

"He gave me an application and I walked across the street to the Palace of Sweets and filled it out. I walked back to the police department, handed him the application and he handed me a uniform and a gun and said I should be in at midnight to ride with Dick Davis."

As a new police officer, Newton said he watched how Calkins conducted himself to learn how a police officer is supposed to act.

"When people came to the station Dean would always greet them with a smile, maybe a joke and it would put them at ease." Calkins taught him how to respect and be courteous to others as a police officer.

"Whatever success I had in my police career I feel I owe to Dean, first for giving me a chance, and then for giving me an example," said Newton, who was named an honorary pallbearer for Calkins.

Wilondek, who retired in 1975, worked alongside Calkins for about 15 years.

"We went on patrol together lots of times on second shift," said Wilondek. "Dean was serious about his job."

Calkins wasn't so serious that he forgot police were there to serve the public.

In those days, Wilondek remembered when he and Calkins came across a drunk they were more likely to drive him to his home or take him to jail for an overnight stay and then set him free.

"Times have changed," said Wilondek.

Bill Gisel, a young News-Sun police reporter when Calkins was with the police department, remembers how Calkins suffered from malaria attacks. He got malaria while serving with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific in World War II.

"How ironic, he's a veteran and he passed away on Memorial Day," said Newton.

Calkins was a Kendallville High School graduate.

A memorial service was planned in Sebring.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

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Rosa Russell

KENDALLVILLE — Rosa A. Russell, 81, died Friday, June 3, 2005, at the Parkview-Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on Aug. 27, 1923, to Christian and Ruth (Myres) Heileman.

Mrs. Russell

She married James Russell on March 21, 1956, in St. Louis, Mo. He preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 1976. She was also preceded by five brothers and three sisters.

She was a waitress at the V&A Restaurant in Kendallville and attended the Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

She is survived by five daughters, Lydia Bolen, Mary Smith, Betty Russell and Patty Laisure, all of Kendallville, and Dolly Bolen of Wolcottville; three sons, Paul Jones Sr. of St. Louis, Mich., Jimmy Russell of Carthage, Ill., and Terry Russell of Wolcottville; 40 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a brother, Raymond Heileman of Albion; and two sisters, Pauline Smith and Jenny Sevrence, both of Auburn.

Services well be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Five Corners Baptist Church, S.R. 9, north of Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will follow at the Sweet Cemetary near Albion.

Calling will be today anytime after 3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Betsy Russell in care of Dolly Bolen.

Condolences may be sent online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Garland Worman Jr.

HAMILTON — Garland Fray Worman Jr., 87, of Hamilton died Saturday, June 4, 2005, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Worman

Mr. Worman was retired from his career as a tool-and-die maker for Fort Wayne Tool & Die.

He was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club and played euchre and tonk every Monday and Thursday evening.

He was a founding member of the Hamilton-area Waste Watchers, a lifelong avid fisherman and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo.

Known to many as "Silver Fox" and "Mr. Fix-It," he enjoyed his special dog, Tanner.

He was born Sept. 15, 1917, in Fort Wayne, to Garland and Nora (Brown) Worman. They preceded him in death.

He married Valette Lomont on July 4, 1941, in St. Peter's Catholic Church at Fort Wayne. She died June 6, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Bob Matthys of Westville and Peggy and Paul Hayden of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and two spouses, Angie and Kriss Noel, Scott Matthys, Richard and Debbie Matthys, Michelle Hayden, Nicky Hayden, Tony Hayden and Suzie Hayden; four great-grandchildren, Jonah Noel, Rachel Noel, Jacob Noel and Stephanie Matthys; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fish & Game Club, St. Michael's Catholic Church or the American Lung Association.

Larry Hutchisson

FORT WAYNE — Larry Gene Hutchisson, 66, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a tester with General Electric and Lockheed-Martin, retiring in 1999.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and attended Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Sally, of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Tammy Hutchisson of Lakeland, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Patrick Land of Maxwell and Vicki and Brian Miller of Garrett; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his mother, Gertrude Boester-Hutchisson of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death were his father, Albert; and a brother, Norbert.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with burial in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Richard Freeburn

ST. JOE — Richard W. Freeburn, 83, of St. Joe died Sunday, June 5, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Freeburn worked in the shipping department at Lincoln Life in Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was discharged in 1945.

He was a member of the American Legion and St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe. He graduated from St. Joe High School in 1939.

He was born Sept. 10, 1921, in St. Joe to Glenwood and Emma J. (Wineland) Freeburn. They preceded him in death

Surviving are a brother, Glen Freeburn of Auburn; two sisters, Ethel Haverstock of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Effiebel McCann of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Freeburn, and a sister, Mary Jane Freeburn.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Marilyn Ruger

GARRETT — Marilyn M. (Nicholson) Ruger, 76, of Garrett died Sunday, June 5, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Ruger was a homemaker and a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church, Auburn.

She was born Oct. 6, 1928, in Haskins, Ohio, to George M. and Anna E. (Pruden) Nicholson. They preceded her in death.

She married Raymond V. Ruger on July 5, 1957, at Rice Lake, Wis. He died Sept. 24, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jackie DeWitt and Kathy and Don Back, all of Garrett; two brothers, George M. Nicholson Jr. of Dunbridge, Ohio, and Milton J. Nicholson of Weston, Ohio; a lifelong special friend, Annabell Issacs of Bowling Green, Ohio; and a grandchild, Jessi DeWitt.

She was preceded in death by an infant son and a sister, Patricia (Nicholson) Mata.

Services will be Thursday at noon in Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church, 3810 C.R. 40-A, Auburn, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

David McCann

AUBURN — David R. McCann, 62, of Auburn died Sunday, June 5, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. McCann was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 31, 1942, in St. Joe to Donald R. and Effiebel (Freeburn) McCann. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Ben Krafft of St. Joe; two nephews and their wives, Kim and Deb Krafft and Chris and Judy Krafft, all of St. Joe; and four great-nephews and great-nieces.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

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Phyllis Hitchins

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis M. Hitchins, 83, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Mishawaka, died Saturday, June 4, 2005, at 2 p.m. in St. Anne Home at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hitchins

Mrs. Hitchins retired in 1987 as a computer operator at Mishawaka Utilities after 22 years of service. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka, and St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary, Mishawaka, and had been involved in school activities and other organizations in Mishawaka.

She was born March 24, 1922, in Clarksburg, W. Va., to Newton R. and Josephine (Powell) Dickey.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara L. and James Ledbetter of Auburn and Ann C. and Thomas Hathaway of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Lyndsay Replogle, Jared Murray and Sydney and Clarke Hathaway; and a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jo and Stuart Freeman of Charleston, W. Va.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, in 1998, and a grandson, Joshua Murray, in 1983.

Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Karl Frincke and the Rev. Alvin Beggs officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. at the church.

A committal service will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Mishawaka, with calling one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Matthew 25, Vincent House or St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary in Mishawka.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

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Venieta Todd

FORT WAYNE — Venieta Todd, 83, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Noble County, she was a 17-year employee of L.S. Ayres and a member of the Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Irina Todd of Pierceton; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Donald Craighead of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Arthur Bailey of Auburn; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Robert L. Todd, died in 1965.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St., with burial at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, where a Rosary service will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center, 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne.

Geneva Nissly

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — Geneva Nissly of Mechanicsburg died May 31, 2005, in Mechanicsburg.

She was the wife of the late Rev. C.R. Nissly, who served as pastor of Christian Union Church southwest of Garrett from 1946 to 1959. The couple resided in the Garrett area until 1987, when they moved to Clearwater, Fla.

Mrs. Nissly was active in church music and gave private music lessons. For many years, she conducted Friendship Bible Coffee classes for Stonecroft Ministries of Kansas City, Mo.

In her younger days, she was an avid runner, reaching her goal of running five miles at the YMCA in Auburn on the couple's 50th wedding anniversary.

Suriving are a son, Everett C. Nissly of Cincinnati; two daughters, Evangeline Suraj of Clearwater and Miriam Byers of Columbus; a sister, Jean Jenkins of Fresno, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials are to the Messiah Village Endowment Fund, 100 Mount Allen Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

George Shepherd

FORT WAYNE — George "Ray" Shepherd, 78, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shepherd was a breakfast cook for Mister Coney, retiring in 1995. He enjoyed woodworking.

He was born Dec. 21, 1926, in Terre Haute .

Surviving are his wife, Madonna L. Rankin Shepherd of Fort Wayne; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Diane and Jim Reynolds of Florida, Marsha and Terry Bryan of Fort Wayne and Cheryl and Tim Abernathy, Tracy and Doug Miller and Julie Toney, all of Terre Haute; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jack and Juanita Plimpton of Garrett, Richard Bell and his friend, Vickie Graham, of Fort Wayne and Bruce Shepherd of Fort Wayne; 28 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lydia Anglemeyer.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor.

Dorothy England

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy E. England, 87, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor.

She had worked as an assembler at American Hoist. She was a member of the West Main Street Nazarene Church and president of the Missionary Society.

Surviving are two stepsons and their spouses, George E. and Mary Jo England of Fort Wayne and Paul and Nancy England of South Vienna, Ohio; five stepdaughters and their spouses, Lois J. McCoy of Greenville, Ohio, Ruth and James Thompson of Harlan, Naomi and Buck White of Fort Wayne, Hope and Bob Christy of Piqua, Ohio, and Becky and Bill Moore of Butler; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, George M. England, in 1987; a stepdaughter; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with burial at Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the West Main Street Nazarene Church.

Audrey Craig

FORT WAYNE — Audrey Ellen Craig, 73, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

She was a homemaker and had worked at Capehart-Farnsworth, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Tokheim Corp. She had been active in the PTA, Cub Scouts, Brownies and, in 1992, was honored as the Volunteer of the Year by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of DeKalb County.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin C. Craig and Edward M. Craig, both of Fort Wayne, and Terrence and Mary Jo Craig of Plymouth; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Michelle R. Craig, Erin and Wade Smith, Kelly and Chuck Warran and Laura E. Craig, all of Fort Wayne, and Holly and Rick Griffith of Orlando, Fla.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marilyn and Dean Slagel of Fort Wayne, Carolyn Sutton of New Haven and Shirley and Bud Armstrong of Auburn; a brother, Stephen Sutton of Downy, Calif.; a stepmother, Edna Sutton of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ralston (Morgy) Craig; a son, Ralston Craig; a brother, David Sutton; and her parents, Ralph and Alfreda Sutton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Peace Lutheran Church, 4900 Fairfield Ave.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic, 413 E. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, or Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 State Blvd., Fort Wayne.

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John Wright

AUBURN — John Bernard Wright, 78, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Wright was a truck driver for Matlack for 22 years, retiring in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Maryellen Wright of Auburn and Diane Marie Taft of Sarasota, Fla.; a son, Michael J. Wright of Westland, Mich.; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Francis Wright of Indian River, Mich.; and three sisters, Beatrice Wisniewski of Troy, Mich., Barbara Jordan of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Patricia MacKenzie of New Jersey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Edward Wright; and two sisters, Vera Hood and Gladys Walker.

Services will be Friday in Garden City, Mich.

Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens at Westland, Mich.

Beverly Martin

LAGRANGE — Beverly A. Martin, 62, of LaGrange died Thursday, June 9, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Martin had been employed at the Blue Gate Restaurant in Shipshewana and was a former Qualified Medical Assistant at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange where she currently volunteered her services.

She had moved to LaGrange in 1968 from Harlan.

Mrs. Martin was born Dec. 13, 1942, in Harlan to Ben and Mae (Leichty) Delagrange. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Grabill. On Aug. 3, 1968, in Harlan she married Richard E. Martin. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel and Clete Schrock of Goshen and Ruth and Gabe Morales of Three Rivers, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Becky Martin of Gulfport, Miss.; two sisters, Bonnie Carpenter of Sturgis, Mich., and Donna Wagler of Auburn; a brother, Richard Delagrange of Roanoke, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Forks Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Revs. Mervin R. Miller, Tim Lichti and Don Delagrange officiating. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery in Grabill.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

LeRoy Baughman

AUBURN — LeRoy M. "Buster" Baughman, 73, of Auburn died Thursday, June 9, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Baughman

Mr. Baughman worked as a machinist at Zollner for 10 years, retiring in 1994. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He loved to fish and camp, enjoyed woodworking and crafts and participated in several craft fairs.

He was born March 4, 1932, in Spencerville to Ralph E. and Janie E. (Vice) Baughman. They preceded him in death.

He married Garnet I. Howe on Nov. 23, 1975, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Bruce Baughman of Churubusco, Lance and Sonya Baughman of Auburn, Dennis and Janet Baughman of Leo, Casey and Connie Baughman of Pleasant Lake and Willy Baughman of Waterloo; six daughters and four sons-in-law, Christine and Sherman Crager of Butler, Julie Dearduff of Florida, Dianna Sharp of Auburn, Nancy and Mike Wells of Auburn, Janie and Gary Brown of Wawaka and Cheryl and Greg Fosnaugh of Huntertown; three brothers, Estal Baughman of Angola, Floyd Baughman of Pleasant Lake and Ralph "Junior" Baughman of Hamilton; two sisters, Elsie Dickman of Auburn and Rozella Cook of Butler; 22 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Baughman, and a sister, Bessie DeLaughter.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m.in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Raymond Kleber

FORT WAYNE — Raymond C. Kleber, 87, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 9, 2005, at St. Anne Home & Retirement Community.

He retired in 1980 after 30 years as an engineer for General Motors Co. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was a native of Fort Wayne and a member of Our Lady of Good Hope.

Surviving are two brothers, Thomas Kleber of Fort Wayne and Phillip Kleber of Garrett; and three sisters, Irene Jehl and Jean Ellison, both of Fort Wayne, and Jean Hanke of New Haven.

His wife, Margaret L. Kleber, preceded him in death in 1990.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, with burial at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, St. Anne Home & Retirement Community, or to Masses.

The E. Harper & Son Funeral Home of New Haven is handling arrangements.

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Archiel Yarger

ANGOLA — Archiel A. "Archie" Yarger, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at home.

Mr. Yarger was born Jan. 29, 1918, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Elroy A. and Vivian (Tingle) Yarger. He was married to Kathyrn M. Coy on Feb. 2, 1941. She survives.

He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army and served in World War II in Normandy, northern France, Rhineland and central Europe. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the European, African, Middle East Service Medal with four Bronze Stars.

He was a retired truck driver and airplane mechanic. He was a member of the Teamsters for 35 years.

In 1936, he graduated from Montpelier High School and, in 1947, he graduated from Roosevelt Aviation School on Long Island, N.Y., as an aircraft and power plant inspector. He received his private pilot's license in 1949.

He was member No. 547 in the Experimental Aircraft Association and contributed several articles about the construction of his home-built airplanes to Sport Aviation magazine. One of his aircrafts, the Mong Sport, still races at the Reno National Air Races. He was an occasional consultant to the Department of Aeronautical Engineering at Tri-State University.

In his later years, he built and flew a multitude of model airplanes and was a member of the DeKalb Flyers.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Peter and A. and Peggy Walker of Hamilton; a brother, Orvel Yarger of Edgerton, Ohio; two grandchildren and a grandson-in-law, Lori and Craig McDowell of Fort Wayne and Monte Yarger of Virginia Beach, Va.; and five great-grandchildren, Kyle, Kathryn and Karsyn Claire McDowell and Chelsea and Rachel Yarger.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Miller, on June 7, 1985.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Norman Thomas officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio. Military graveside services will be at 3 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to the Steuben County Red Cross.

Thais Heinzerling

GARRETT — Thais H. Heinzerling, 93, of Garrett, died Friday, June 10, 2005, at her residence.

Mrs. Heinzerling was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Tri Kappa Sorority, Friends of the Library, the Garrett Historical Society and the DeKalb County Historical Society and was involved with the Garrett Community Center. She was a lifelong Garrett resident.

Mrs. Heinzerling

She was born Oct. 19, 1911, in Garrett to C. Blaine Hamilton and Margaret M. (Hachet) Hamilton. They preceded her in death..

She married Harry DeKalb Heinzerling on July 13, 1929, in Goshen. He died Sept. 19, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Gretel and Don Smith of Garrett, Katrina and Gene Custer of Garrett and Johanna and Bill Gordon-Byanski of Berlin Heights, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Derek Heinzerling and Anna Constantz of Avilla and Franz Heinzerling of Garrett; 20 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Carl Hans Heinzerling, and two sisters, Gretchen Holzer and Jeanne Williams.

Arrangements for services and calling are pending with the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center, the Garrett Historical Society, the DeKalb County Historical Society or the Garrett Public Library.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Peter A. and Peggy Yarger of Hamilton; a brother, Orvel Yarger of Edgerton, Ohio; two grandchildren and a grandson-in-law, Lori and Craig McDowell of Fort Wayne and Monte Yarger of Virginia Beach, Va.; and five great-grandchildren, Kyle, Kathryn and Karsyn Claire McDowell and Chelsea and Rachel Yarger.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Miller, on June 7, 1985.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Norman Thomas officiating.

Calling will be today from 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio. Military graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Indiana time.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Red Cross.

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She was preceded in death by a son, Carl Hans Heinzerling, and two sisters, Gretchen Holzer and Jeanne Williams.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 1 to 6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

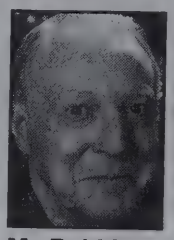
Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center, the Garrett Historical Society, the DeKalb County Historical Society or the Garrett Public Library.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Richard Robbins

AUBURN — Richard E. "Gunny" Robbins, 74, of Auburn died Friday, June 10, 2005, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Robbins retired in 1971 after 23 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a gunnery sergeant for the Marine Corps, and served in China, Korea, Vietnam and Japan.



Mr. Robbins

He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in Vietnam. His other military awards include the China Service Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, seven Good Conduct Medals, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross and Combat Action and Presidential Unit Citations.

He attended the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, graduating in 1975. He had been the marshal at the Rome City Police Department; police chief at the Avilla Police Department; assistant marshal for the Waterloo Police Department.

He was affiliated with the Hamilton Wesleyan Church. He was a member of the Noble County Law Enforcement Association, Marine Corps League, Fleet Reserve Association, the Auburn post of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Garrett, the Garrett Eagles and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Oct. 10, 1930, in Auburn to Floyd U. and Henrietta L. (Ball) Robbins. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn.

He married Estella "Ann" McBride on Sept. 2, 1950, in Garrett, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 14, 2004.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Floyd C. Robbins of Angola and Richard E. Robbins Jr. and Janet Robbins of Newport, N.C.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lacinda M. and Don Anderson of Avilla and Theresa A. "Terri" and Dale Murry of Hamilton; five grandsons, four granddaughters and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Dave Lietzel officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn. Military graveside rites will be conducted by members of the U.S. Marines Color Guard.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Roger Northup

LAGRANGE — Roger E. Northup, 80, of LaGrange died at 1 a.m. Sunday, June 12, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Northup was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He was a retired farmer and custodian at Prairie Heights School Corp.

Mr. Northup was a member of the Church of God in Stroh.

He was a former 4-H leader.

Mr. Northup was born May 8, 1925, in LaGrange County to Clyde and Berneice (Randol) Northup. On April 21, 1947, he married Phyllis J. Coney. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Tom Howe and Sharon and Jeff Champion, all of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald E. and Vickie Northup of LaGrange; three sisters, Wilma Wilder of Auburn and Kathryn Wilder and Linda Howdyshell, both of Hudson; three brothers, Kenneth Northup of LaGrange, Floyd Northup of Pleasant Lake and Harold Northup of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Myers; a brother, Gerald Northup; and a grandson, Troy Howe in December 1973.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Donavon Harper

CROMWELL — Donavon M. "Don" Harper, 84, of Syracuse and formerly of Cromwell died Friday, June 10, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor at Syracuse.

Mr. Harper had been a lifetime Cromwell area resident.

He was a mechanic for Silveus Garage for 27 years and then served as a bus mechanic for the Westview School Corp. until he retired.

Mr. Harper was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243.

He enjoyed gardening, reading and fixing things that were broken.

He was born July 26, 1920, in Kosciusko County to Fred and Mary (Shell) Harper. On Oct. 18, 1945, in Denver, Colo., he married Elaine Parken. She survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thad T. and Phyllis Harper of Powell, Wyo.; a daughter, Sharon G. Runge of Syracuse; a grandchild; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Duane Harper, and a grandson, Matt Harper.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Cromwell Library.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Scott

AUBURN — Mildred "Milly" Simpson Scott, 81, of Auburn died at 3:10 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 2005, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Scott had lived in Albion from 1963 until moving to Auburn in 1981.

She had worked in quality control at Dexter Axle in Albion.

Mrs. Scott was a member of the Albion Eagles, the Rome City Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Moose Lodge 566 in Auburn.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, dancing, taking day trips and playing bingo and cards.

Mrs. Scott was born July 12, 1923, in Rensselaer to Harry Sr. and Maude LaVerne (Bradberry) Rouse. On July 12, 1941, she married Darrell Simpson in Columbia City. He died Aug. 11, 1980. She then married Cletus "Scotty" Scott on June 5, 1981, in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Duane Simpson of Albion and Dwight and Laura Simpson of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Scott D. Simpson and Steven L. Simpson, both of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Harry Rouse Jr.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 23, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the funeral home, with an Eagles Ladies Auxiliary service at 7 p.m. that evening.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County EMS.

Mary Brown

AUBURN — Mary E. Brown, 88, of Auburn died Monday, June 13, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker. She served as the first receptionist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and also had been a receptionist at Messenger Corp. in Auburn.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, a member and past president of Tri Kappa and a member of the Kenwigs, Elks Ladies, Hospital Guild and Greenhurst Country Club.

She was born Dec. 26, 1916, in Grand Ledge, Mich., to Elsworth and Dottie (Feagler) Timberlin. They preceded her in death.

She married Richard R. Brown on Feb. 25, 1938, in Auburn. He died Nov. 12, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Gretchen Brown of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Dennis "Butch" Whittington of Auburn; four grandchildren, Tracy Pepple, Kristen Rhoton, Jennifer Ward and Kelly Forrest; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clair W. Timberlin.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Community Foundation or the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

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She enjoyed spending time with her family, dancing, taking day trips and playing bingo and cards.

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Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Duane Simpson of Albion and Dwight and Laura Simpson of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Scott D. Simpson and Steven L. Simpson, both of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Harry Rouse Jr.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesdayat the funeral home, with an Eagles Ladies Auxiliary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County EMS.

Mercedes Davis

GARRETT — Mercedes J. Davis, 78, of Garrett died Monday, June 13, 2005, at 12:19 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Davis served as a custodian at the Garrett United Methodist Church, retiring after 20 years.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, the Auburn Home Demonstration Club, the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary and the Garrett Historical Society. She was a Garrett resident for most of her life.

She was born July 9, 1926, in Auburn to John Durbin Fenstermaker and Agatha L. (Oiler) Fenstermaker. They preceded her in death.

She married Lester R. Davis on Dec. 16, 1944, in Auburn. He died Sept. 17, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Annetta and Ron Matthews of Garrett and Lori Davis-Biber and Kevin Biber of Bridgeville, Pa.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Denny and Linda Davis of Garrett and Randy and Dianna Davis of Anchorage, Ala.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Jeanette McNutt and Marjorie Johnson.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Sharon Brown

AUBURN — Sharon A. Brown, 73, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Brown

Born in Garrett, she worked in local retail in Auburn. She was a 1949 graduate of Garrett High School and attended St. Mary's College in South Bend. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Cindy Brown of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Larry Jackowiak and Stacey and Jeff Malcolm, all of Elkhart, and Wendy and Luis Barrales of Virginia; 11 grandchildren; a sister, Christine Burke of Garrett; and three brothers, Dan of Adrian, Mich., Alan of Garrett and Bill DePew of Orland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville K. and Mary Rose (Weaver) DePew, and her husband, Ronald L. Brown, who died in 1983.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will be conducted Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library of Auburn.

Clarence Koepke

COTTONWOOD, Ariz. — Clarence Koepke, 91, of Cottonwood, Ariz., died Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

Mr. Koepke was a native of Garrett and graduated from Garrett High School in 1931. He retired from General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 23, 1913, to Louis and Lisetta (Peters) Koepke.

He married his wife, Bette, on Oct. 26, 1941. She died Aug. 5, 2004.

Surviving are a son, William, of Las Vegas; a grandson, Brian; a granddaughter, Melissa; and two sisters, Bernice Humbarger of Sebring, Fla., and Shirley Griffin of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ralph Koepke and Robert Koepke.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday in Cottonwood.

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Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Annetta and Ron Matthews of Garrett and Lori Davis-Biber and Kevin Biber of Bridgeville, Pa.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Denny and Linda Davis of Garrett and Randy and Dianne Davis of Anchorage, Ala.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Jeanette McNutt and Marjorie Johnson.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Fund.

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Jay Buttermore

AUBURN — Jay E. Buttermore, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn.

He was born May 13, 1922, in Auburn to William and Alice Buttermore.

A graduate of Auburn High School in the class of 1942, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. From 1942 to 1945 he was a first sergeant in the 30th Infantry Division in the European theater of operations. He landed in Normandy, France, on D-Day and met the Russians at the Elbe River. He returned home on the Queen Mary in August 1945 and received the Bronze Star Medal in 1948.

Mr. Buttermore was employed by the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Co. in Auburn, the Cleveland Cutter and Reamer Co. in Cleveland, Ohio, Auburn Automotive Supply Co. in Auburn and Western Machinery Co. in Tempe, Ariz. He was a resident of Phoenix, Ariz., from 1968 to 2005.

He was a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by three elder brothers, James Buttermore of Chandler, Ariz., Kenneth Buttermore of Auburn and Harold Buttermore of Goshen.

He is survived by three sons, Eric Buttermore of Kingwood, Texas, Bradley Buttermore of Auburn and Gregg Buttermore of Auburn; and one grandson, Adam Buttermore of Fort Wayne.

A graveside service will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Betty Hunt

AUBURN — Betty Hunt, 85, of Auburn died at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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Betty Hunt

AUBURN — Betty L. Hunt, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mrs. Hunt graduated from Centalia General College School of Nursing and served as a licensed practical nurse for more than 43 years. She was very proud of her nursing career.

She was a lifetime area resident.

She was born June 15, 2005, in Allen County to George and Ella (Pion) Ballinger. They are deceased. In 1941, she married William J. Hunt. He died in 1978.

Surviving are two daughters, Rebecca L. Fisher of Washington, D.C., and Wendy A. Ragan of Columbia City; a son, Lee Bryan Hunt of Auburn; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Clay W. Hunt; a brother, William A. Ballinger; and a sister, Mary L. Ott.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Charles Steffen

FORT WAYNE — Charles R. "Charlie" Steffen, 64, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 16, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Steffen worked at General Electric for 30 years, retiring in 1997.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was discharged in 1961.

He was born June 29, 1940, in Newville.

Surviving are a daughter, Tara Jo of Fort Wayne; his mother, Joyce Steffen of Auburn; three sisters, Joy Keffer of Maineville, Ohio, Sherry Schaper of Woodburn and Jonnell Steffen of Auburn; a brother, Colin B. Steffen of Valparaiso; and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father and a nephew.

Private services will be held. Burial will be in the Alton Cemetery at St. Joe.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

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She also was preceded in death by a son, Clay W. Hunt; a brother, William A. Ballinger; and a sister, Mary L. Ott.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, with Pastor Dwayne Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Diabetes Foundation.

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June 19 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Marriage started in secret and lasted 70 years

BY SUE CARPENTER
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GARRETT — Thais Heinzerling stayed up the night before her death, busily handwriting histories for her family at her large kitchen table.

This was not out of character. Her candid observation of events surrounding her lifelong hometown of Garrett and the preservation of historical landmarks marked her 93 years.

She died June 10 in her rural Garrett home.

In a taped interview made for the Garrett Public Library in 2002, Mrs. Heinzerling described her childhood as the daughter of the newspaper publisher as one of privilege, though she didn't recognize it until years later. Garrett, at that time, was a labor town for the railroad.

She began working for the Garrett Clipper at the age of 10, standing on a box to "wait on trade" that came into the newspaper office. One of her duties was running advertising proofs to local businesses, which she estimated at about 43 at the time.

Heinzerling later helped write stories for the paper in the 1920s and 1930s, much of which encompassed the railroad activity.

"They were the biggest shots in town," she said of the prominent railroad families. When new personnel came to town, the ladies put on their gloves and hats and got out their calling cards, she said.

Local news in the paper covered all matters of social interest, down to the nut cups and color of napkins, she recalled.

She was among 56 graduates from Garrett High School in 1929. That fall, she and two of her cousins from Indianapolis enrolled at Harvard and Radcliffe colleges. The achievement she said "didn't impress me much at the time." According to her daughter, Gretel Smith, Thais took several classes amounting to nearly two years of college credit during her freshman year.

The families took a scenic route through Canada and Maine to get to the colleges in the fall of 1929. Heinzerling recalled they "ate all the fish they could tolerate" along the way.

But Thais did not tell her parents that she secretly had eloped with Harry Heinzerling in July, prior to starting college.

Although they grew up two blocks from each other, she didn't see Harry as a future husband, she said. But he told her he knew she was the one when, as a senior, he saw her cross the school football field.

Three years older than Thais, Harry attended DePauw University for a year, then returned to help with the family's hardware business for two years. He had enrolled at Indiana University in the fall of 1929.

Thais and Harry began dating Feb. 13, 1929, a day she remembered because of a huge box of Valentine candy he gave her.

One July day, a few months later, they took a drive to Goshen.

"He never even proposed," she said. She and Harry drove to three or four houses to find a minister. They eventually encountered a Baptist minister on a ladder painting his house. He agreed to marry them, while his wife served as witness to the ceremony.

"I didn't know we were going to go get married," she said. She was wearing a short shirt and Bobbie socks, a recent fashion trend in 1929.

Harry told her to remove her socks and tuck her hair under her hat so she "didn't look so kiddish."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Thais and Harry Heinzerling dance at a family party in the early 1990s. The couple enjoyed dancing and jazz music.

The following year at Radcliffe included daily letters to Harry, and many phone calls, and quite a few tears.

After a year of college, Thais told her mother and sister of the secret marriage. Her mother "immediately planned a party," she said.

Thais did not return to college that fall — married girls were not allowed to attend college, she said.

She and Harry had six children, three girls, followed by three boys spread over 23 years. Each of the children was given a German name suited with the Heinzerling surname, she said. They include Gretel, Katrina, Johanna, Harry Derek, Carl Hans and Franz DeKalb.

In 1999, two months prior to Harry's death, the couple celebrated 70 years of marriage.

Thais was one of three incorporators of the United Way of DeKalb County, formerly the United Fund.

She and Harry resurrected the DeKalb County Historical Society as charter members. At the same time, she initiated a one-person effort to save the Cedar Chapel Covered Bridge, facing the threat of demolition. During that effort, she appeared on television and radio and got wide recognition in newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune. A long illness caused her to step aside from the campaign, which was picked up by John Martin Smith and Bobbie Smith. The bridge has been rebuilt at Conner Prairie Farm north of Indianapolis.

The Heinzerlings supported the local library and contributed to the former Sacred Heart Hospital, leading the committee to save it before it closed in 1972.

Gladys Whittig

AUBURN — Gladys E. Whittig, 79, of Auburn died Saturday, June 18, 2005, at the Auburn Home.

She was born on Jan. 15, 1926, in Spencerville, to Charles and Cora (Bassett) Derrow.

She was employed at Messenger Corp., Whites Westwood Grocery Store, both in Auburn, and then retired from Renaissance Publishing Co. in Auburn in 1997.

She married Merrill Whittig on Aug. 31, 1956, in Angola. He died Feb. 24, 1981.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry Healy of Madisonville, Tenn., and Steven Whittig of Auburn; one daughter, Carolyn Stayer of Waterloo; two brothers; one sister; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorials to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Leslie Dile

PIERCETON — Leslie Jefferson Dile, 79, of Pierceton died Saturday, June 18, 2005, at 5:45 a.m. at his residence.

He was born April 14, 1926, in Greensburg, Ky., to Jeffery and Sarah (Wooter) Dile.

On July 6, 1946, he married Alley Wilnah Coulter, who survives.

He was a self-employed contractor and also worked at Endicott Church Furniture and DA-Lite Screen, both in Warsaw. He had lived in Kosciusko County for the past 50 years.

He attended Dutchtown Brethren Church and was a member of the Eagles Aerie 1339, both in Warsaw. He was also a member of the Eagles Aerie of Columbia City.

Other survivors, in addition to his wife, include one son, Tony Dile of Pierceton; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Peggy and Dan Jones LaTurner of Churubusco, Vickie Krom of Auburn and Joanie and Bruce Foreman of Pierceton; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw with the Rev. Steve Eckert and the Rev. Joe Laher officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton.

Calling will be Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home and Tuesday one hour prior to the service.

Memorials to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw IN, 46581-1196, or to the Dile family, c/o Alley W. Dile, 5165 E. C.R. 100S, Pierceton, IN 46562.

Gladys Howiler

GARRETT — Gladys E. "Eileen" Howiler, 82, of Garrett died Saturday, June 18, 2005, at 2:14 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born Oct. 19, 1922, in Alledonia, Ohio, to Leslie and Myrtle (Crooks) Schafer, and had resided in Garrett since October of 1949.

She worked for several years at Wyatt's Hardware in Garrett and worked at and managed the Garrett automobile license branch for several years. She was also a volunteer at the then Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett.

She was active in Republican politics for many years and attended the Garrett Presbyterian Church. She was a member of Psi Iota Xi sorority and the Garrett American Legion ladies' auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Carl, on Feb. 5, 1999; her parents; a stepfather, Foster Perkins; and one brother, Paul Schafer, all of Beallsville, Ohio.

She is survived by one son, Terry, of Garrett; two granddaughters, Heather Howiler of Wheaton, Ill., and Heidi Brown of Rockville, Md.; and a sister, Carol Warsinskey of Beallsville, Ohio.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements. There will be no calling.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date.

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John Ward

KENDALLVILLE — John Ward Jr., 74, of Kendallville died Sunday, June 19, 2005, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Mr. Ward

He was a former pastor and founding member of Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City and was the current assistant pastor.

Mr. Ward had been employed at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for many years and retired from Warner Gear in Auburn after 23 years.

He was a Korean War veteran serving as a corporal in the U.S. Army from October 1950 to October 1953, and was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. Ward was born in Garrett, Ky., April 26, 1931, to John C. and Eunice (Porter) Ward. They are deceased. On March 23, 1954, in Prestonsburg, Ky., he married Girlie Hicks. She died Dec. 13, 2000.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Wayne Ward, John D. Ward and Dave and Jane Ward, all of Kendallville, and Stan and Jodi Ward of Ege; two sisters, Betty Curtis of Ross, Ohio, and Phyllis Browning of Silver Springs, Fla.; a brother, Steve Ward of Baltimore, Md.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters, Billie Jean Morgan, Bobbie Thacker and Wanda Ward; and a brother, Jack Ward.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Salem United Baptist Church on S.R. 9 at Rome City with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Mr. Ward

He was a former pastor and founding member of Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City and was the current assistant pastor at Charity United Baptist Church near Stroh.

Mr. Ward had been employed at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for many years and retired from Warner Gear in Auburn after 23 years.

He was a Korean War veteran serving as a corporal in the U.S. Army from October 1950 to October 1953, and was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. Ward was born in Garrett, Ky., April 26, 1931, to John C. and Eunice (Porter) Ward. They are deceased. On March 23, 1954, in Prestonsburg, Ky., he married Girlie Hicks. She died Dec. 13, 2000.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Wayne Ward, John D. Ward and Dave and Jane Ward, all of Kendallville, and Stan and Jodi Ward of Ege; two sisters, Betty Curtis of Ross, Ohio, and Phyllis Browning of Silver Springs, Fla.; a brother, Steve Ward of Baltimore, Md.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters, Billie Jean Morgan, Bobbie Thacker and Wanda Ward; and a brother, Jack Ward.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Salem United Baptist Church on S.R. 9 at Rome City with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Rodriguez

KENDALLVILLE — Elizabeth Rodriguez, an infant, was stillborn Saturday, June 18, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She is survived by her parents, Jose Juan and Rosalba (Dominguez) Rodriguez of Kendallville; grandparents Angel and Rosalba Dominguez of Kendallville and Ruben and Elvira Rodriguez of Mexico; a brother, Jose Juan Jesus Rodriguez; a sister, Alexis Rosalba Rodriguez; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with new information.*

Leslie Dile

PIERCETON — Leslie Jefferson Dile, 79, of Pierceton died Saturday, June 18, 2005, at 5:45 a.m. at his residence.

Mr. Dile

He was a self-employed contractor and also worked at Endicott Church Furniture and DA-Lite Screen, both in Warsaw. He had lived in Kosciusko County for the past 50 years.

He attended Dutchtown Brethren Church and was a member of the Eagles Aerie 1339, both in Warsaw. He also was a member of the Eagles Aerie of Columbia City.

He was born April 14, 1926, in Greensburg, Ky., to Jeffery and Sarah (Wooter) Dile.

On July 6, 1946, he married Alley Wilnah Coulter. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Tony Dile of Pierceton; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Peggy and Dan Jones LaTurner of Churubusco, Vickie Krom of Auburn and Joanie and Bruce Foreman of Pierceton; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers and three sisters.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw with the Rev. Steve Eckert and the Rev. Joe Laher officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton.

Calling was Monday at the funeral home and today one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196, or to the Dile family, in care of Alley W. Dile, 5165 E. C.R. 100S, Pierceton, IN 46562.

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Ronald Whittern

SHARPSVILLE — Ronald Carl Whittern, 53, of Sharpsville and formerly of Monroeville died Sunday, June 19, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Whittern worked as a computer analyst for EDS Corp. He was a graduate of Heritage High School in 1969 and of the General Motors Institute. He earned a master's degree in CICE from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

He was born Aug. 7, 1951, in Monroeville to Robert and Alberta (Saalfrank) Whittern. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives.

He married Patricia Burke on June 17, 1972, in Flint, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Teresa Whittern of Kokomo; a son, Tommy Whittern of Sharpsville; siblings and their spouses, Sharon and Lynn Gerig of Monroeville, Stan and Glenda Whittern of Grabill, Jane and Dale Brager of Auburn and Alan and Cathy Whittern of Longmont, Colo.

Preceding him in death was a sister, Linda Sue Whittern.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 705 Southway Blvd., Kokomo, with the Rev. Barry Akers officiating. Burial and a graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Ellers Mortuary, 3400 S. Webster, Kokomo.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer music fund.

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Patricia Kendig

LANCASTER, Ohio — Patricia Ann Kendig, 74, formerly of Garrett died Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 5:50 p.m. at Lanfair Nursing Home in Lancaster.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Lancaster for the past 20 years. She was a member of the Sixth Avenue Methodist Church in Lancaster.

Born April 21, 1931, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Joseph S. and Jeanette (Saylor) Kelham. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vicki and Tom Lifer of Lancaster, Debbie A. and Tony Caprino of Valrico Beach, Fla., and Karen M. Case of Wildomar, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Gretchen Kendig of Lexington Park, Md.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack E. and Bonnie Kelham of Auburn and Bill L. and Sue Kelham of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Jennie L. and John DePaolo of Garrett; several nieces and nephews; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kaleb Kelham Fund in care of Garrett State Bank, 120 W. King St., Garrett, IN 46738.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Patricia Kendig

LANCASTER, Ohio — Patricia Ann Kendig, 74, formerly of Garrett died Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 5:50 p.m. at Lanfair Nursing Home in Lancaster.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Lancaster for the past 20 years. She was a member of the Sixth Avenue Methodist Church in Lancaster.

Born April 21, 1931, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Joseph S. and Jeanette (Saylor) Kelham. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vicki and Tom Lifer of Lancaster, Debbie A. and Tony Carrino of Valrico Beach, Fla., and Karen M. Case of Wildomar, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Gretchen Kendig of Lexington Park, Md.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack E. and Bonnie Kelham of Auburn and Bill L. and Sue Kelham of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Jennie L. and John DePaolo of Garrett; several nieces and nephews; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kaleb Kelham Fund in care of Garrett State Bank, 120 W. King St., Garrett, IN 46738.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Joey Jackson

GAINESBORO, Tenn. — Joey M. Jackson, 39, of Gainesboro died Monday, June 20, 2005, in Gainesboro.

Mr. Jackson was a construction worker. He was born June 8, 1966, in Granite City, Ill.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Paula and Ron Newbold of Tennessee; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Amanda Jackson of Butler and Chad Jackson of Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Daniel Williams of Butler; three grandchildren, Michelle Bonecutter, Sky Jackson and Michael Williams; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Tina Jackson of Granite City; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Kimberly Livingston of Scott City, Mo., Nicole and Ricky Paul of Celina, Tenn., and Loretta Newbold of Gainesboro; two stepbrothers, Ronnie Newbold of St. Louis and Adam Newbold of Louisville, Ky.; and his grandfather and stepgrandmother, Paul and Ruth Brown of Charlotte, N.C.

Services and calling were at the Upper Cumberland Funeral Home in Gainesboro. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling local arrangements.

Robert DeMint

BUTLER — Robert Paul DeMint, 83, of Butler died Thursday, June 23, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. DeMint was a chip hauler for Modern Air Co. for 29 years, retiring in 1985. He was an avid checkers player and a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born May 8, 1922, in Moscow, Mich., to Sherman Harold DeMint and Drucilla Jane (Jones) DeMint. They preceded him in death.

He married Ida Ozell Estis on Jan. 27, 1943. She died Dec. 13, 1993.

Surviving are two sons, Harold Wayne DeMint of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Robert E. DeMint of Auburn; a son-in-law, Claude Combs of Butler; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Drucilla Kay Combs; a granddaughter, Tina Lane; two brothers; and one sister.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rick Davis officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Helmer Independent Baptist Church.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information provided by the family.*

Norman Griffin

AUBURN — Norman Lee Griffin, 71, of rural Auburn, died Monday, May 30, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Griffin graduated from Auburn High School in 1951 and continued a love of reading and learning his entire life. He retired after eight years of production work from Handy & Harman in Angola.

His faith and family were very important to him. He kept in touch with everyone and kept everyone apprised of the latest family news.

He was born June 28, 1933, in Spencer Township in rural Spencerville at the home of his parents, Ray Ivan and Gladys Irene (Agler) Griffin. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry Allen and Jacqueline Sue Griffin of St. Joe; a daughter and son-in-law, Arika Rae and Austin James Schnepp of Fort Wayne; four grandsons, one granddaughter, one stepgrandson, two stepgrand-daughters, three great-grandsons and one stepgreat-grandson; four brothers, Alan Ray of Camarillo, Calif., Ivan Gilbert of rural Goshen, Hobart Lynn of Fort Wayne and Clayton Leon of rural Angola; six nieces and five nephews.

He also was preceded in death by an infant brother, Arillus Chase Griffin.

Graveside services, with Pastor Clare Jewell officiating, took place June 3 at 3:30 p.m. in Cedar Creek Cemetery, at C.R. 11-A and C.R. 68 in rural Garrett.

Private family viewing was held at 2 p.m. that day in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Family recalls Mr. Herman as strong-willed, honest

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Debbie Esterline, Dick Herman's oldest child, said she and her brothers inherited a lot of their father's qualities — and that's what is helping them as they grieve his death.

"He was very strong-willed," Debbie said. "I think that's what keeps us going."

Dick Herman died May 23, 2005, after a six-month battle with lung cancer. Even though he had cancer and was tired, his wife Janice said, "he never really felt sick and he was never really in pain."

He also never let his disease take him away from the job he had held for 35 years — being the owner of True Value Hardware in Angola.

"He had been through the treatments and he was doing awesome," Debbie said. "He never missed a day of work. We really thought he'd kicked it."

The store is being run now by Janice, Mr. Herman's wife of 46 years. He married her right after his graduation from Edon High School in Edon, Ohio.

In addition to Esterline, the Hermans have two sons, Denny and Dana Herman, and a grandson, Jason Armey.

"He was quite a guy," Jason said. "He was kind of hard to get to know, but once you did, he grew on you."

Jason said he also remembers his grandfather's strong will.

"Nobody was ever going to tell him he wasn't going to do something," he said. "He was sick, but he never missed a day of work. He went home early a couple of times, but he always came."

Mr. Herman's oldest son, Denny, said he didn't appreciate until years later the lessons his father taught him when Denny and his siblings were young.

"He was tough on you, but it was for your own good," he said. "You don't realize that's what's happening when you're young."

Denny said his father was always honest and never minced words.

"He told you straight up how it was, whether it was good or bad," Denny said. "The one thing you could be sure of was that he was never going to lie to you."

Debbie said something else her father truly loved was yard work.

"His passion was mowing lawn," she said. "I don't even know how many acres they had that he mowed."

Mr. Herman was a member of the Land O' Lakes Lions Club, and was also a regular at Tom's Donuts in Angola, where he was part of a coffee club. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Dick Herman

M. LaVera FitzGerald

BUTLER — M. LaVera FitzGerald, 87, of Butler died at 3:03 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2005, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

The former Defiance, Ohio, resident was born on Jan. 25, 1918, in Payne, Ohio, to Alvin E. and Laura E. (Linebrink) FitzGerald.

She was a telephone operator, and a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Defiance, Ohio, and active for many years in the church ministry program.

Surviving are three nieces and spouses, Janice (Eberly) and Richard Hankey of Butler, Joanne (Eberly) and Harold Foulk of Angola, and Joyce L. (Eberly) Linn of Kendallville, and a great nephew Jeremy A. Linn.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. (Ohio time) Wednesday at The Shiffler Cemetery, Jefferson Township, near Pulaski in Williams County, Ohio.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. (Ohio time) Saturday, July 2, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Defiance, Ohio.

Memorials are to the church.

Kathryn Middleton

ALBION — Kathryn E. Middleton, 92, of Albion died at 4:20 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2005, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

In LaGrange County on May 25, 1913, she was born to Frank and Gladys (Strongbeck) Ganger. She married Harley Middleton in Rome City in 1931. He preceded her in death on July 3, 1996.

She was a nurse's aide for more than 20 years at Kondas Nursing Home in Albion and at the Garrett Hospital in Garrett.

Surviving are a son, Duane Middleton of Kendallville; two daughters, Judy Mote of Garrett and Peggy Hartman of Logansport; 16 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were two sons, Jerry in 1978 and Dale in 2002, a brother and a sister.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Public Library.

Mary Johnson

AUBURN — Mary V. Johnson, 83, of Auburn died Saturday, June 25, 2005, at Canterbury Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson

In Hamilton on April 16, 1922, she was born to Vier "Brownie" and Neva (North) Kepler. She married Roy Johnson in Toledo, Ohio, on April 5, 1942. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1978.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

The Kepler family is the second-oldest family in DeKalb County.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve Johnson of Mesa, Ariz., Mike and Kathy Johnson of Leo, Mark and Kathy Johnson of Fort Wayne, and Chuck Johnson of Marion; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Sheila and Son Urbine of Fort Wayne, Cheryl and Bob Jones of Highland, Mich., and Deb and Gerald Yoder of Hicksville, Ohio; 18 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband and parents, were three brothers, Olen, Carty and Crocky Kepler, a sister, Harriett Beemer, and a great-grandson, Austin Johnson.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Auburn Church of Christ.

Linda Baker

FORT WAYNE — Linda (Mammosser) Baker, 38, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 24, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries in a motorcycle accident Thursday, June 23, 2005.

In Fort Wayne on Dec. 22, 1966, she was born to John A. and Sharon Mammosser of Columbus, Ohio, and Linda (Cox) Prior of Fort Wayne.

They survive.

She was a housekeeper at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, and also worked part-time at New Haven Tanning.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are two sons, Daniel and Albert Baker, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Stephanie Baker of Fort Wayne, and Jessica Mammosser; two brothers, John Blaine Mammosser of Columbus, Ohio, and Jamison Gudorf of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Sarah E. Gudorf of Fort Wayne, Bonnie Lynn Sanko of Joliet, Ill., and Jennifer Shaw of Columbus, Ohio; and a grandmother, Orphia Watkins of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were grandparents John A. and Kathryn Mammosser Sr., James B. Cox and Harold Cooper.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Erin's House, Fort Wayne.

Rosella Petre

BUTLER — Rosella P. Petre, 64, of Butler died at 11:50 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2005, at her Butler home.

On Jan. 18, 1941, in Auburn, she was born to Clyde and Paulette (Burns) Depew. She married Leonard "Jake" Petre on Sept. 3, 1994, in Hamilton. He survives in Butler.

She worked at R & R Day Care for nine years.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Lori Zigler of Montpelier, Ohio, and Larry and Latrisha Zigler of Evansport, Ohio; three stepsons, Brian Petre of Auburn, Dusty Petre of Delonga, Ga., and Kevin Petre of Goshen; two daughters, Mary Smith of Stryker, Ohio, and Teresa Zigler of Ney, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Michelle Jones of Delonga, Ga.; two sisters, Lillie Crager of Garrett, and Linda Kalinowski of Hamilton; 22 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Calvin, Harvey and Maynard Depew, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Chaplain Dave Marki officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to list additional calling hours scheduled for tonight.*

Mary Johnson

AUBURN — Mary V. Johnson, 83, of Auburn died Saturday, June 25, 2005, at Canterbury Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson

She was a homemaker and a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

She was born April 16, 1922, in Hamilton to Vier "Brownie" and Neva (North) Kepler. The Kepler family is the second-oldest family in DeKalb County.

She married Roy Johnson in Toledo, Ohio, on April 5, 1942. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1978.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve Johnson of Mesa, Ariz., Mike and Kathy Johnson of Leo, Mark and Kathy Johnson of Fort Wayne and Chuck Johnson of Marion; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Sheila and Son Urbine of Fort Wayne, Cheryl and Bob Jones of Highland, Mich., and Deb and Gerald Yoder of Hicksville, Ohio; 18 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband and parents, were three brothers, Olen, Carty and Crocky Kepler; a sister, Harriett Beemer; and a great-grandson, Austin Johnson.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 and Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or the Auburn Church of Christ.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about surviving relatives.*

Linda Baker

FORT WAYNE — Linda (Mammosser) Baker, 38, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 24, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident Thursday, June 23, 2005.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 22, 1966, to John A. Mammosser of Columbus, Ohio, and Linda (Cox) Prior of Fort Wayne. They survive.

She was a housekeeper at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and also worked part-time at New Haven Tanning.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are a stepfather, Robert Gudorf of Fort Wayne; a stepmother, Sharon Mammosser of Columbus, Ohio; two sons, Daniel and Albert Baker, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Stephanie Baker of Fort Wayne and Jessica Mammosser; two brothers, John Blaine Mammosser of Columbus, Ohio, and Jamison Gudorf of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Sarah E. Gudorf of Fort Wayne, Bonnie Lynn Sanko of Joliet, Ill., and Jennifer Shaw of Columbus, Ohio; and a grandmother, Orphia Watkins of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were grandparents John A. and Kathryn Mammosser Sr., James B. Cox and Harold Cooper.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Erin's House in Fort Wayne.

Mary Schlotterback

AVILLA — Mary Kathryn "Kathy" Schlotterback, 82, of Avilla died at 11:24 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schlotterback had been a Noble County resident all of her life and an Avilla resident since 1959.

She was employed at Stanadyne Industries in Garrett and retired in 1985 after 18 1/2 years of service.

Mrs. Schlotterback was born Dec. 27, 1922, in Allen Township, Noble County, to Emmett David and Maude Ella (Kresse) Shultz. They are deceased.

She was a 1941 graduate of Kendallville High School and a member of Calvary United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed quilting, sewing and plants.

On Jan. 19, 1968, in Avilla she married Gerald J. "Andy" Schlotterback. He died March 8, 1993.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ronald and Gwenne Harding of Avilla, Terry and JoAnn Harding of Fort Wayne and Kent Harding and his girlfriend, Jenny Wolford, of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Todd Fiandt of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Ann and Bob Brooks of Milford and Joan and Leonard Kline of Syracuse; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Wallace Shultz; and sister, Matzene Frehse.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society for research or to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Ralph Hall

LIGONIER — Ralph D. Hall, 52, of Ligonier died Sunday, June 26, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Hall had lived in the area more than 30 years.

He worked in Fiberglass trimming at Carriage Inc. in Millersburg.

Mr. Hall enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time outdoors.

He was born Jan. 1, 1953, in Floyd County, Ky., to Edward and Margaret (Bailey) Hall. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons, Jason Hall of Kendallville and Chris Hall of Garrett; a daughter, Teresa Smith of Cromwell; six brothers, Billy Hall and John Hall, both of Syracuse, Eddie Hall of Kentucky, Eugene Hall of Fort Wayne, and Vernon Hall and Jimmy Hall, both of Ligonier; seven sisters, Peggy Cadena, Louise LeCount, Helen Hall, Lucille Hall, Teresa Gaff and Donna Hall, all of Ligonier, and Lois Isaac of Wolcottville; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at noon Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with Pastor Billy Smith officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery at Ligonier.

Calling will be from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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June 29 2005 Auburn, Indiana

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to list an additional surviving relative.*

Grace Schworm

GARRETT — Grace L. Schworm, 91, of Garrett died Monday, June 27, 2005, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Schworm was a homemaker and loved to garden.

She was born Nov. 13, 1913, in Garrett to Clarence and Martha A. (Crummey) DePew. They preceded her in death.

On Feb. 8, 1951, in Angola, she married Dale M. Schworm. He died in 1981.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly Grobis of LaGrange, Marilyn Morr of Auburn and Wilma and Dale Summey of Sturgis, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Marilyn and Ernest Ely of Sun City, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Earl DePew of Garrett.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Combs; a stepdaughter, Harriette McKerlie; a brother, Loren DePew; two sisters, Nellie Weidler and Faye Malcolm; and four infant brothers.

Services were today at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling took place Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

Ruth Minehart

AUBURN — Ruth E. Minehart, 91, of Auburn died Monday, June 27, 2005, at 7:10 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home at Butler.

Mrs. Minehart had worked as a dental assistant.

She was born Sept. 19, 1913, in Pittsburgh to Henry and Anna (Gripner) McElroy. They preceded her in death.

She married Glenn K. Minehart on April 2, 1930, in West Virginia. He died in March, 1984.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Madelyn Minehart of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Richard and Catharine Minehart of Butler; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services and burial will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in Glenwood Memorial Gardens, Broomall, Pa.

Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Spencer T. Videon Funeral Home, Drexell Hill, Pa.

The H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, is handling local arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Mary Vincent

GARRETT — Mary E. Vincent, 75, of Garrett died at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at her sister's home in Goshen.

Mrs. Vincent

Mrs. Vincent had lived with her sister the past two months.

She had been the dietary supervisor for Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne and had previously worked in food service at Elkhart General Hospital and Garrett Community Hospital.

Mrs. Vincent was well known for her cake decorating skills. She enjoyed making and teaching ceramic arts.

She was born March 3, 1930, in Etna Green to Eli D. and Elsie (Hochstetler) Miller.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Roger Reinoehl of Garrett and Karen and Don Reynolds of Urbana, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randal and Donna Vincent of Fort Worth, Texas, and Kevin and Ana Vincent of Chicago; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Clara Gingerich of Goshen and Verda and William Bills of Ruleville, Miss.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Leon and Rosalie Miller of Pharr, Texas, and Ervin and Esther Miller of Portland, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Laura Troyer; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with Pastor Jim Gillette officiating. Burial will be in Mottville Cemetery in Mottville, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Evelyn Manon

AUBURN — Evelyn M. Manon, 94, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Wesley Health Care, Auburn.

Mrs. Manon

Mrs. Manon was a homemaker. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and a past member of the Auburn Moose Lodge. She and her husband started the annual Holiday Loaf sale through the Auburn Kiwanis Club.

She was born Feb. 8, 1911, in Garrett to Fred and Matilda (Froelich) Moses. They preceded her in death.

She married Erton Manon on Feb. 16, 1929, and he died Nov. 12, 1982.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Retha and Don Butler of Auburn and Linnea Aldrich and her companion, Gary Baughman, of Auburn; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Cathy Butler, Dr. Steven and Cathleen Butler, Lisa and David Conrad, Kurt and Mary Reynolds, Calvin and Cathy Reynolds, Kevin and Jo Reynolds, Debbie and Eric Pedersen and Amy and John Van Horn; 19 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Ladean and Jim Reynolds; three grandsons; two brothers, Henry and Cliffton Moses; and a sister, Madelyn Myers.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Calvin Manon officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the Children First Center.

Lincoln Napier

HUDSON — Lincoln Napier, 65, of Hudson died unexpectedly Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Napier

Mr. Napier retired in 2003 after 32 years at Dana Corp. in Angola. He currently worked parttime at Cold Heading in Ashley.

He attended Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville and Helmer United Baptist Church.

He was born Dec. 22, 1939, to Andrew and Mary (Napier) Napier. On July 26, 1960, he married Fairlena Moore. She survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Loretta and Kevin Zizelman and Lisa Napier, all of Kendallville, Leona and Gary Smith of Waterloo, Shirlena and Gene Smith of Stroh, Marjorie and Bill Ginder of Wolcottville, and Carolina and Shawn Brown of Orland; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Stan and Veronica Napier of Albion, Forest "Bud" Napier of Hudson and Jeff and Stephanie Reynolds of Auburn; 28 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter, Jada Napier; and a cousin who was like a sister to him, Virginia Smith of Jackson, S.C.

He was preceded in death by four grandchildren, Morgan Ginder, Timothy Barry, Trey Smith and Tina Marie Napier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Five Corners Baptist Church on S.R. 9 north of Wolcottville with Pastors Rick Davis and Clarence Combs officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery near Hudson. Pallbearers will be Forest "Bud" Napier, Stan Napier, Gene Smith, Kevin Zizelman, Gary Smith, Jeff Reynolds, Shawn Brown and Forest Moore.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Keith Anderson

FORT WAYNE — Keith C. "Shorty" Anderson, 72, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Anderson had been a mechanic with Jess Lewis Transmission Shop for 20 years, retiring in 1986.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Anderson was a member of Navy Ship Club 48, American Legion Post 499, VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, Am Vets 55 and Army/Navy Club Honorary.

He was born Feb. 10, 1933, in Auburn to Jack and Helen (Peters) Anderson. He and his wife, Janet, were married Oct. 7, 1983. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are six children, Steve Anderson of Auburn, Wade Anderson of St. Joe, Cheryl Depinet of Indianapolis, John Anderson of Butler, and Bruce and Cory Carnahan, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Vermadine Landez of Kendallville; a brother, Jack Anderson of Dunlap, Tenn.; 22 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Scott; and two grandchildren.

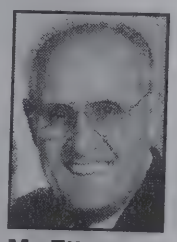
Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today and 1/2 hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Wm 'Dave' Etter

FORT WAYNE — Wm "Dave" Etter, 85, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 30, 2005, at his home.



Mr. Etter

Born in Versailles, Ohio, he was a machine operator for Tokheim Corp. for 29 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a charter member of the Messiah Lutheran Church and a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church. He was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a loving father who enjoyed crafting, camping and fishing.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicki Harden of Fort Wayne; a son, Larry Etter of Auburn; a brother, Jacob Etter of Versailles; two sisters, Kay Nadalsky and Mary Balmer, both of Dewitt, Mich.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eloise, in 2004, and a brother and two sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 202 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran Church or Parkview Hospice.

Terry Kurtz

GARRETT — Terry L. Kurtz, 43, of Garrett died Friday, July 1, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Kurtz was a machinist at Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo for 14 years. He was an avid raccoon hunter and a devoted father, husband, son and brother. He enjoyed his pet dogs, Magnum, Panda, Bob and JoJo. He was a lifetime Garrett resident.

He was born Dec. 9, 1961, in Garrett, to Warren G. and Kathleen (Nodine) Kurtz. His mother survives in Garrett and his father preceded him in death.

He married Lisa R. Brown on Sept. 1, 1990, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Amanda Fetters of St. Joe, Jessica Kurtz of Garrett and Christina Kurtz of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Lissa and Dave Butler of Auburn; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Sharon Brown of Pleasant Lake; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mike and Tammy Didion of Angola; three nephews, Daniel Butler of Auburn, and Adam DeLucenay and Jake DeLucenay, both of Ashley; and a niece, Katelynn Butler of Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Joe Laher officiating.

Burial will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Embrey Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a college education fund for his daughters.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Edna Witmer

LEO — Edna Mae Witmer, 81, of Leo died Friday, July 1, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Witmer was a homemaker. She was a member of the North Leo Mennonite Church and the Alanon Program.

She was born April 21, 1924, in New Haven to David and Mattie (Gingerich) Gerig. They preceded her in death.

She married Henry "Hank" Witmer in Allen County on March 27, 1947, and he survives in Leo.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, S. Cliff and Dianne Witmer of Leo, Cletus U. Witmer of Grabill and Clarence L. and Sue Witmer of Leo; five grandchildren, Jade R. Delagrange and her husband, Clint, of Spencerville, Loretta S. Witmer of Leo, Tyler D. Witmer of Leo, Shane M. Witmer of Grabill and Lester J. Witmer of Leo; a great-grandson, Dakota M. Witmer of Grabill; a sister, Emma M. Eicher of Leo; and two brothers, Ezra M. Gerig of Harlan and Elmer M. Gerig of New Haven.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in North Leo Mennonite Church, 15419 S.R. 1, Leo, with Pastor Steve Eicher officiating. Burial will be in Schlatter Cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Northeast Allen County Fire and EMS, P.O. Box 428, Grabill, IN 46741, the North Leo Mennonite Church, P.O. Box 213, Leo, IN 46765, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, is handling arrangements.

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July 3 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Linford 'Link' Houser

AUBURN — Linford D. "Link" "Lynn" Houser, 75, of Auburn died Friday, July 1, 2005, at 8:55 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Houser was born in DeKalb County on Nov. 12, 1929, to the late Albert A. and Haidee (Krontz) Houser. He was self-employed in the construction business and had retired.

On Feb. 14, 2001, he married Sara E. Stahl of Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg and Jennifer Houser of Wabash, Neil and Cindy Houser of Kasilof, Alaska, and Dennis Houser of North Manchester; one daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Donny Green of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Bea Houser of Phoenix, Ariz., Maurice and Amy Houser of Pleasant Lake, and Larry and Shirley Houser of Hamilton; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lorna Delong of Auburn, Janet and Harland Smith of Angola, and Mary and Roger Morrison of Auburn; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A son, Mike Houser, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson. Mr. Houser's nephew, the Rev. Phil L. Houser, will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Elizabeth Rinard

AUBURN — Elizabeth P. Rinard, 95, of Auburn died Sunday, July 3, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Rinard was a homemaker and retired from Universal Tool. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

She was born Feb. 18, 1910, in Craigville to the late James E. and Della (Sovine) Wyer.

She married Erwin B. Rinard on Feb. 20, 1932, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 1984.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Mabel Rinard of Spencerville, Norm and Inge Rinard of Spencerville and Clarence and Barbara Rinard of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Dale Dirrim of Hamilton; a brother, Ivan Wyer of Wilshire, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lewis and Albert Wyer.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. Father Thomas Murrill will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Health Care, 1751 Wesley Road, Auburn, IN 46706; and Southern Care Home Health & Hospice, 4666 W. Jefferson, Suite 1700, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Betty Miller

GARRETT — Betty L. Miller, 80, of Garrett died Sunday, July 3, 2005, at 2:38 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Miller lived in Garrett for the past 62 years and was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born May 15, 1925, in Goshen to Harry M. and Esther K. (Frantz) Riley. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, David Miller and Sam Miller, both of Garrett, and Dan Miller of Auburn; a daughter, Diane White of Coldwater, Mich.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and six brothers.

Also preceding her in death were her husband, Karl R. Miller; a daughter, Julie Miller; two grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10-10:45 a.m. at the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ronald Nichols

FORT WAYNE — Ronald D. Nichols, 68, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 2, 2005, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

A native of Helmer, he retired in 1985 from International Harvester, where he had worked for 30 years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Heather H. and Carlos Porter of Fort Wayne; a son, James K. Nichols of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol Nichols of Savannah, Ga., and Rose Mary and Richard Scherer of Hudson; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Rita Nichols of Hudson and Paul and Gerri Nichols of Lorida, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Joyce, in 1997; two sons, Rodney Nichols and Scottie Taggert; a sister, Arlene Hoffman; and a brother, Phillip Nichols.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with burial at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital of Indianapolis.

THE EVENING STAR

July 5 2005 Auburn, Indiana

One-car crash kills former Auburn man

EDGERTON, Ohio — Joel Davis, 18, formerly of Auburn and most recently of Montpelier, Ohio, died in a single-vehicle crash near Edgerton Saturday evening, according to the Ohio Highway Patrol.

Police said Davis was the driver and lone occupant of a 1991 Oldsmobile that went off Scott Road near Ridenour Road, between Farmer, Ohio, and Edgerton, at about 6 p.m. Saturday.

The car hit a ditch, overturned, and landed on its wheels after striking a house, police said.

Davis was the son of the Rev. Jeffrey A. and Suzanne L. Davis of Montpelier and the brother of Josiah A. Davis of Auburn. A home-schooled student, he had attended Edon High School. He was a former staff member of the Pioneer Scout Reservation.

Funeral services are at 6 p.m. today (Indiana time) at Thompson Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Mary Beuchel

HOWE — Mary K. Beuchel, 82, of Howe died at 9:15 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Beuchel had worked at Auburn Rubber Co. and at Rieke Corp.

She was a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church in Fremont.

She was born March 10, 1923, in Auburn to John Henry and Miriam (Saylor) Seigel. On Jan. 21, 1939, in Auburn, she married Robert G. Beuchel. He died in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Carl Bowers of Howe; a son, Robert L. Beuchel of Howe; two sisters, Jane Rodecap of Snow Lake and Pat Richardson of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Barbara Ann, in 1932; and two granddaughters, Jacquelyn May Kindig, in 1965, and Karrie Lynn Bowers, in 1969.

Memorial services at 11 a.m. Monday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church in Fremont. Interment will take place at St. Johns Lutheran Cemetery in Pinconning County, Michigan.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice or Clear Lake Lutheran Church in Fremont.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Hawkins

VAN WERT, Ohio — Dennis J. "Denny" Hawkins, 51, of Van Wert and formerly of Fremont died Monday, July 4, 2005, in Van Wert.

Mr. Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins was born Dec. 27, 1953, in Garrett to Ralph Hawkins and Joan (Harris) Patterson. He married Carol L. Stafford on Feb. 12, 2005, in Nassau, Bahamas, and she survives.

He was a manager in the automotive business for 35 years. He was a 1972 graduate of Fremont High School and a founding member and builder of the Fremont Moose Lodge. He was a member of Harley Owners Group.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Danielle Renee and Daniel Kissinger of St. Joe and Roxanne Marie Hawkins of Fremont; a son, Dexter Robert Hawkins of Butler; his mother and stepfather, Joan and Elton Patterson of Fremont; three grandchildren, Kody and Tara Kissinger and a grandson born just 24 hours after his death; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Julie and Dewey Thrush of Jackson, Mich., and Judie Morick of Coldwater, Mich.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Juliette Hawkins of Cincinnati.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thelma Jaquay

ALBION — Thelma H. Jaquay, 97, of Albion died at 9:32 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2005, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

She had moved to Albion in 1932 from Auburn.

Mrs. Jaquay had worked in the trim shop of the Cord Automobile Co. and as a cook at Kondas Nursing Home in Albion. She was also a homemaker.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and a former member of the Eastern Star. She was a member for more than 66 years and past grand noble of the Rebekah North Star Lodge 92.

She was born Aug. 2, 1907, in Auburn to Harry and Mary (Peters) Hathaway. On April 9, 1932, in Auburn, she married Rolland W. "Hap" Jaquay. He died Dec. 30, 1978.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law, Ella Johnson of Albion and Rose Hathaway of California; two nephews, William Hathaway and Richard Hathaway, both of California; and cousins, Helen and Phil Bussell of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harry Hathaway Jr. and Austin Hathaway.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, North Ridge Village Chapel, in Albion with the Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson of Asbury United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Rehobeth Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church Organ Fund or to Noble County Hospice.

Britney Curran

FORT WAYNE — Britney Michelle Curran, 15, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 4, 2005, at her home.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a member of the Aname Book Club. She loved to draw and enjoyed music and animals. She was a student at Shawnee Middle School and was planning to attend Northrop High School.

Survivors include her father, John Christopher Curran of Fort Wayne; her mother, Tracy Ann Curran of Fort Wayne; one sister, Ashley Renea Curran of Fort Wayne; half-brothers, John Christopher Curran Jr. and Anthony James Curran of Texas; paternal grandparents, John and Kathleen Curran of Auburn; maternal grandparents, Neil and Elizabeth Johnson of Angola; aunts and uncles, Eric and Tracy Mossberger of Huntertown, Trent and Jessica Curran of Auburn, Johnny and Brenda Johnson of Fort Wayne and Robert Johnson of Angola; and numerous cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Humane Shelter.

Eldora Lower

FORT WAYNE — Eldora M. Lower, 95, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, on April 17, 1910, to Jesse and Clara (Morre) Lower. Both are deceased.

She worked as a shipping clerk for Electric Motors for 15 years before retiring in 1982.

Survivors include a nephew and his wife, Bobby and Verada Albright of Waterloo, as well as several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl Lower, Garman Lower and Justin Lower; and nine sisters, Hazel Skelly, Nema Wareham, Delsie Collins, Thelma Lindon, Venus Green, Helen Ross, Jessie Albright, Dorothy Shortridge and Alberta Koehl.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo Athletic Association.

Earl Owesterwind

KENDALLVILLE — Earl Owesterwind of Kendallville died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2005, in the intensive care unit at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He had been in declining health for some time.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Myra Mounts

FREMONT — Myra "Jean" Mounts, 77, of Fremont died Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mounts was born Feb. 1, 1928, in Ray to Ernie and Imo Annetta (Sowle) Palmerton. She married Harold W. Mounts on Dec. 1, 1946, in Angola, and he survives.

She was a homemaker and formerly owned the Char Boy restaurant in Fremont. She was a member of American Legion Cassel Post No. 257 Auxiliary and Fremont Women of the Moose.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Annetta Curavo of Angola and Patricia and Rod Peterson and Lisa Mounts and Larry Weicht, all of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Anne Mounts of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Earl Kinnison of Stroh; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Barbara Palmerton of Fremont, Bill and Sherry Palmerton of Coldwater, Mich., and Terry and Linda Palmerton of Garrett; six grandchildren, Jeffrey Mounts, Kara Conrad, Dana Peterson, Amber Elliott, Megan Peterson and Lauren Weicht; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Wayne Mounts; and a brother, Donald Palmerton.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Memorials are to Little Lambs Daycare, P.O. Box 931, Fremont, IN 46737.

Earl Oesterwind

KENDALLVILLE — Earl G. Oesterwind, 81, of Kendallville died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2005, in the intensive care unit at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Oesterwind was retired from General Motors as a gear lab inspector. He had moved to Kendallville six years ago from Brooksville, Fla.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Mr. Oesterwind was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Oct. 16, 1923, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Henry and Lillian (Johnson) Oesterwind. He and his wife, Betty, were married May 25, 1946, at the Our Lady Gates of Heaven Catholic Church in Detroit, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Dave Kemerly of Avilla and Mary and Al Taylor of Michigan; an ex-son-in-law, Patrick McCarthy of Michigan; four grandchildren, Linda Ramsey, Chris McCarthy, Sean McCarthy and David Kemerly Jr.; and a great-grandchild, Justin Ramsey.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Hank Oesterwind.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 15, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Burial will be at a later date in Holy Secular Catholic Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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July 8 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Harley J. Sigler

AUBURN — Harley J. Sigler, 90, of Auburn died Thursday, July 7, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Sigler

He was an electrician for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 36 years and also was a part-time farmer. He was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Mr. Sigler was born in LaGrange County on June 13, 1915, to Charlie and Sadie (North) Sigler.

He married Geneva McDougall on April 5, 1941, in Auburn. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Jerry Sigler of Auburn; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol Sigler of Auburn, Joyce Brooks of Quincy, Mich., and Connie and Don Myers and Janice and Barry Tilghman, all of Auburn; five grandchildren, Theresa Gillette, Toni Brooks, Christie Myers, Derrick Myers and Bradley Tilghman; and two great-grandchildren, Steel Gillette and Sebastian Gillette.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gerald Sigler and Dean Sigler; a sister, Gertrude Heltzel; and one son-in-law, Shelby Brooks.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Steven Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and from noon-1 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information.*

Lincoln Napier

HUDSON — Lincoln Napier, 65, of Hudson died unexpectedly Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Napier

Mr. Napier retired in 2003 from Weatherhead Corp. in Angola, until that closed then worked for Eaton in Auburn and retired after 32 years. He currently worked part time at Cold Heading in Ashley.

He attended Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville and Helmer United Baptist Church.

He was born Dec. 22, 1939, to Andrew and Mary (Napier) Napier. On July 26, 1960, he married Fairlena Moore. She survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Loretta and Kevin Zizelman and Lisa Napier, all of Kendallville, Leona and Gary Smith of Waterloo, Shirlena and Gene Smith of Stroh, Marjorie and Bill Ginder of Wolcottville and Carolina and Shawn Brown of Orland; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Stan and Veronica Napier of Albion, Forest "Bub" Napier of Hudson and Jeff and Stephanie Reynolds of Auburn; 28 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter, Jada Napier; and a cousin who was like a sister to him, Virginia Smith of Jackson, S.C.

He was preceded in death by four grandchildren, Morgan Ginder, Timothy Barry, Trey Smith and Tia Marie Napier.

Services were Saturday at Five Corners Baptist Church on S.R. 9 north of Wolcottville with Pastors Rick Davis and Clarence Combs officiating.

Burial was in Wright Cemetery near Hudson. Pallbearers were Forest "Bub" Napier, Stan Napier, Gene Smith, Kevin Zizelman, Gary Smith, Jeff Reynolds, Shawn Brown and Forest Moore.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to change the location of the funeral.*

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Mr. Sigler

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He married Geneva McDougall on April 5, 1941, in Auburn. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Jerry Sigler of Auburn; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol Sigler of Auburn, Joyce Brooks of Quincy, Mich., and Connie and Don Myers and Janice and Barry Tilghman, all of Auburn; five grandchildren, Theresa Gillette and her husband, Heath, and Toni Brooks, Christie Myers, Derrick Myers and Bradley Tilghman; two great-grandchildren, Steel Gillette and Sebastian Gillette.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gerald Sigler and Dean Sigler; a sister, Gertrude Heltzel; and one son-in-law, Shelby Brooks.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. The Rev. Steven Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from noon until 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn.

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Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Dave Kemerly of Avilla and Mary and Al Taylor of Michigan; a son, Dave Pauch; an ex-son-in-law, Patrick McCarthy of Michigan; five grandchildren, Linda Ramsey, Nicole Ramsey, Chris McCarthy, Sean McCarthy and David Kemerly Jr.; and a great-grandchild, Justin Ramsey.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Hank Oesterwind.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 15, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Burial will be at a later date in Holy Secular Catholic Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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Mr. Burkett a diamond in the rough

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Stephanie Heisler and Brian Burkett are both 30-somethings with lives of their own now, but some of their fondest memories are of their teenage years with the father Kenneth and their mother Jean.

"As we grew older, our parents were known as Mom and Dad Burkett to all of our friends," Stephanie said. "Dad always made our friends laugh, which is probably why Brian and I love to laugh and make others laugh."

That ability to laugh and the memories of the man who gave it to them are helping to pull Stephanie, Brian and their mother through as they mourn the loss of Kenneth, who died at his Angola home on June 11.

Stephanie said her father, who grew up with seven siblings, was "one of the ornery children," and that family stories about a young Kenneth were many.

"We have been told that he put an Amish buggy on top of the school in New Haven and he put a mouse through the food grinder in cooking class at school," she said. "We are sure that there was never a dull moment in the Burkett house."

Kenneth was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, and served during the Korean War.

"Even though he never talked much about it to us, we were always reminded of his experience by his injured hand," Stephanie said.

Kenneth's being a Marine turned out to be a blessing, though, as he met Jean at a VA hospital.

"We were very lucky to have parents that settled down on the lake with lots of land to roam around and learn from," Stephanie said.

Jean said her husband was an officer for the Steuben County Humane Shelter for many years, and that she doubts many people actually know what that means.

"He was the dog catcher," she said, laughing. "We used to say that and laugh. The police would call and get him out of bed at two in the morning to come get a dog so they could take care of the drunk. Most people don't know that if police are trying to pick up a drunk and the drunk has a dog with him, they have to take care of the dog before they can take anyone to jail."

Jean said her husband was an avid fan of Indiana University basketball. At Brian's wedding shortly after Kenneth's death, one of the guests was someone Kenneth would have loved to meet.

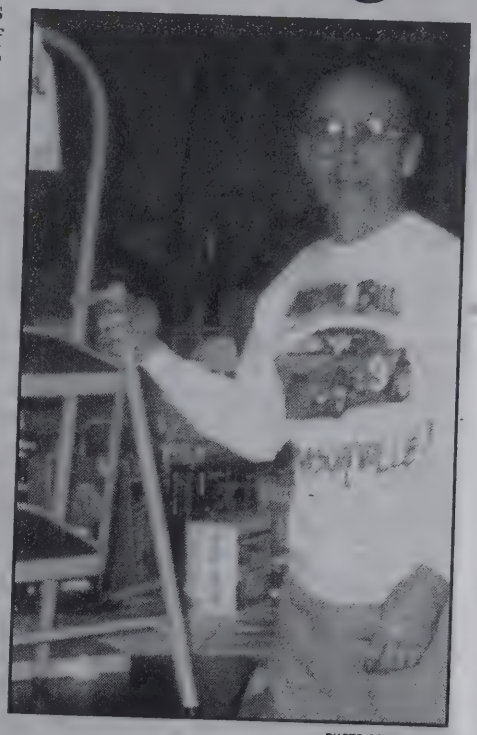
"Keith Smart was there," Jean said. "He was the one who made the winning shot at the 1987 IU championship game against Syracuse. The gal Brian married, she and her family were neighbors with the Smarts."

Jean paused.

"I told (Kenneth) he really screwed up," she said with a smile in her voice. "Boy, he really would have liked to have met Keith Smart."

In the eulogy Stephanie wrote and read at her father's funeral, she spoke of a man who loved car racing and couldn't wait to go see them live.

"We could go on for hours, as any children could about their dad, but he's probably getting impatient because the NASCAR race at Michigan is almost here," she wrote. "Now he won't have to drive through all of the traffic to get there, though — since he now has perfect seats. He can enjoy that race and all of the others uninterrupted from now on."



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Kenneth Burkett is shown in his shop at his home near Crooked Lake.

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Samuel Metz

KENDALLVILLE — Samuel W. Metz, 52, of Kendallville, died at 4:49 p.m. Friday, July 8, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was manager of software development for Jayco Inc., Middlebury.

Mr. Metz was born April 2, 1953, in Auburn to Bobby D. and Florabelle (Dixon) Metz. He was a 1971 graduate of Edgerton High School, Edgerton, Ohio, and he received his bachelor's degree from Purdue University in 1989.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

On July 24, 1971, in Edgerton, he married Rachael A. Sholl. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Pete Jimenez of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin and Tammi Metz of Avilla; four grandchildren, Kaitlin and Elliott Jimenez and Logan and Audrey Metz; his father and stepmother, Bobby D. and Marlene Metz of Bryan, Ohio; and a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Ronald Stayer of Auburn.

Preceding him in death was his mother.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Ohio time) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. (Ohio time) Monday at the Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, where the rosary service will be at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Jonathon Morris

CORUNNA — Jonathon F. "John" Morris, 70, died Saturday, July 9, 2005 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion following a battle with cancer and other illnesses.

Mr. Morris was a graduate of Tri-State College, Angola, and served seven years in the United States Air Force. During his 40-year career as an electrical engineer, he was a upper management government contractor. As such, he was involved in the writing of voluminous manuals, creation, development and oversight of projects such as installing missile weapons systems, radio and satellite systems on naval ships and military bases which required top security clearance.

He was also an inventor. Late in his career, he managed and supervised all phases of the improvement of the 911 emergency system for Los Angeles, Calif. At one time, he achieved senior vice president status with a marine corporation, and he also taught mathematics and statistics at various colleges.

He taught catechism to teenagers at his church, umpired Little League, was a band parent, and a substitute teacher and PTA president at his daughters' school. He also fought hard to improve education for the disabled in Ohio. He also helped raise five of his grandchildren in his home.

Born in Indianapolis on March 9, 1935, he was the son of Elizabeth Kiles, who survives in Maryville, Tenn., and the stepson of Max Kiles, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Barbara Ann Morris of Corunna; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheryl and Robert W. Miner Jr. and Pamela and R. Craig Gallagher, all of Virginia Beach, Va., and Lori Williams of Corunna; one brother and sister-in-law, James and Becky Kiles of Maryville, Tenn.; grandchildren Crosby "C.J." Miner and his fiancee Vanessa Escalante of Norfolk, Va., Alicia Ritchie and her husband, Michael, Robert W. Miner III, and R. Craig Gallagher Jr., all of Virginia Beach, Va., and Thomas, Jennifer and John Williams, all of Corunna; and four great-grandchildren, Michael and Alexis Ritchie, and Tejah Brooks, all of Virginia Beach, Va., and Bradley Escalante of Norfolk, Va. He anticipated the arrival of two more great-grandchildren later this year. He is also survived by many beloved extended family members.

He was also preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Geraldine and Job Malcolm.

A gathering of friends will be held Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a memorial service at 4 p.m.

The family will receive friends and family in his residence at 3533 S.R. 327, Corunna, following the service.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the Veteran's Administration.

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Archie Fike

NAPPANEE — Archie K. Fike, 91, of Nappanee died Friday, July 8, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Fike formerly worked for Wolf Bedding and Shell Oil Co. in Fort Wayne. He worked for Evangel Press in Nappanee from 1948 to 1980. After his retirement he worked for Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home and G.C.I., both in Nappanee. He moved to Nappanee from Garrett in 1948.

He was a member of the Brethren In Christ Church, Nappanee, where he held many positions including former trustee and board member. He was a former member of the Nappanee Lions Club.

He was born April 11, 1914, in Kendallville to Warren and Edith (Firestone) Fike.

He married Corrine T. Millhouse on June 30, 1939, in Garrett. She preceded him in death on Oct. 19, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Jerel Book of Garrett; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Laurella and Eugene Schuster of Paw Paw, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Erma Slessman; and three brothers, Dale, who was killed in action during World War II, William and Clifford.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Brethren In Christ Church, Nappanee, with the Rev. Joseph Fox officiating. Burial will be in South Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

The Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee, is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Little

FORT WAYNE — Edna Virginia Little, 87, of Spencerville and formerly of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 9, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and avid Boyd's Bear collector. She enjoyed quilting and was the family historian and genealogist.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Bruce Abbott of Spencerville, with whom she resided the last eight years; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Mona Little of Toledo, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Scott Abbott, Emily Abbott, Cindi Zalambani, Danilo Zalambani and Sheryl Little.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Raymond Little, in 1992.

Services will be at noon Thursday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be from 11 a.m.-noon Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Shirleen Miser

FORT WAYNE — Shirleen M. Miser, 76, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, July 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Vernon D. Miser of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephan and Roxanne Miser of Ossian and Dennis and Estela Miser of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Hamman of Auburn, Lisa and Kevin Biddlecome of Fort Wayne and Pam and Joe Jordan of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Donald Krocker of Fort Wayne, Chuck Luhman of Rome City and Howard Diedrich of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were two sons, Ron and James Miser; a brother, George Krocker; and a sister, Beverly Bellis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Jeanie Sizemore

ANTWERP, Ohio — Jeanie Rose Sizemore, 52, of Antwerp died at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, July 10, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sizemore was born July 12, 1952, in Paulding, Ohio, to Maurice and Mary Schooley. On Sept. 6, 1969, she married Nevil Sizemore. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Chad Thompson of Hicksville; two sisters, Deb Thompson of Hicksville and Patricia Studebaker of St. Joe; and two grandchildren, Michael and Alissa Thompson; four sisters-in-law, Alva Jordan of Kendallville, Myrlee Gray of Rome City, Chyrl Barrett of Leo and Pauline Birk of Avilla; and three brothers-in-law, Rodney Sizemore of Fort Worth, Texas, Joseph Sizemore of Kendallville and Robert Sizemore of Wolcottville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Christopher Thompson.

Graveside services were today at Maumee Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating.

Memorials are to the Antwerp Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dooleyfuneral-home.com.

Dooley Funeral Home in Antwerp is in charge of arrangements.

Nancy Rorick

ANGOLA — Nancy Lee (Mullins) Rorick, 43, of Angola died Monday, July 11, 2005.

Mrs. Rorick was born in Fort Wayne to Ray and Shirley Mullins. She attended Shoaff Park Baptist Church

Mrs. Rorick

She married Kenneth Rorick on June 11, 1994. He survives.

She was a phlebotomist at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne for 14 years. She was an artist and musician.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cami Dorlea and Kendra Lee; her mother, Shirley Mullins of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Dena and Denny England of Spencerville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Ruby Mullins of Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her father in 2003 and her brother, Elmer Ray Jr., in 1957.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Shoaff Park Baptist Church, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and also one hour before services on Friday.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the Lupus Foundation. Arrangements are being handled by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Eduard Wittmann

GRAFENWOHR, Germany — Eduard Wittmann, 73, of Grafenwohr died Friday, March 25, 2005.

Mr. Wittmann

Mr. Wittman came to Auburn in 1950 as one of the first German exchange students after World War II. He attended Auburn High School and graduated in 1951.

His love of American people continued after his return to Germany.

Mr. Wittman was a businessman, philanthropist and politician, actively involved in German/American relations at the Grafenwohr military base.

He maintained a long and loving relationship with his American host family, the Potts of Corunna. In 1975, Mr. Wittman and his wife, Elisabeth, returned to Indiana to help dedicate the Potts' farm as an extension of his own in Germany and named the Potts' farm Gut Grub (Good Earth).

The Wittmanns returned several times to attend high school reunions and their goddaughter's wedding in 1996. Mr. Wittmann's last trip to Auburn was in July 2001 to attend the 50th reunion of his high school graduation.

He is survived by his wife in Germany and many friends in the Auburn area.

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Theodore Prater

KENDALLVILLE — Theodore R. Prater, 56, of Kendallville died Friday, July 8, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Prater was born Feb. 15, 1949, in Alphretta, Ky., to Jobie and Lula (Thompson) Prater.

Surviving are six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Diana and Mark Reid, Barbara Sexton and Joyce and Dale Reade, all of Kendallville, Brenda and Hank Ochoa of Butler, Janice and Daniel Simmons of Wolcottville and Billie Ann and Jack Rowe of Louisville, Ky.; and seven brothers and four sisters-in-law, Mike Prater of Garrett, Richard and Glema Prater of Kendallville, David and Deb Prater of Rome City, Gene and Willie Prater of Douglasville, Ga., Don Prater of Allen, Ky., Dockie and Jackie Prater of eastern Kentucky and Sonny Prater, address unknown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lisbon Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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Betty Hastings

ALBION — Betty G. Hastings, 82, of Albion died at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at the home of her son in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hastings was a homemaker and licensed beautician.

She was a lifetime area resident. She enjoyed walking.

Mrs. Hastings was a member of Berean Baptist Church.

She was born Aug. 7, 1922, in DeKalb County to Harry and Gertrude (Kirkpatrick) Bower. On June 30, 1945, in the EUB Church in Albion, she married Harold Hastings. He died May 8, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Jacob Campbell of West Port; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lee and Deb Hastings of Cleveland, Steven Hastings of Albion and Randy and Vicky Hastings of Kendallville; two sisters, Ida Bell Hewitt of Kendallville and Joy Wells of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorain Scheurick.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, North Ridge Village, Albion Chapel with the Rev. Doug Keenan of Berean Baptist Church in Albion officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Berean Baptist Church or The Wreck in Kendallville.

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Leo Steininger

AUBURN — The Rev. Leo D. Steininger, 86, of Auburn, died Thursday, July 14, 2005, at his home.

Rev. Steininger was a pastor for the Church of the Nazarene, serving churches in Illinois, Hawaii, Minnesota and Texas. He spent 18 years in day care supervision with the Church of the Nazarene Chicago Central District and taught at the Canadian Nazarene College from 1952 to 1955.

Rev. Steininger

He was born Oct. 24, 1918, in Bebee, Ark., to Forrest and Viola (Lusher) Steininger and they preceded him in death.

He married Evangeline Hinz on June 11, 1944, in Chicago, Ill., and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Vicki Steininger of Fairborn, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dee and Doris Steininger of Grabill, Emmett and Peggy Steininger of Auburn and Hubert and Marcie Steininger of Auburn; a sister, Wanda Bowman of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Robin McCarty and her husband, Chris, and Megan Steininger.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Dwight and Bill, and Donald who died in infancy.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Dan White officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Preston Nodine

GARRETT — Preston M. Nodine, 2 days old, died Friday morning in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Born July 13, 2005, he was the son of Todd Nodine and Misty Trail of Garrett.

Surviving are a brother, Bryce Nodine of Garrett; grandparents Mike and Mary Jane Nodine of Garrett, John Koontz of Fort Wayne, and Todd and Georgia Hickman of Garrett; great-grandparents Glen Nodine of Garrett, Betty Jones of Garrett, Harry Wickline of Kendallville, and Fred and Virginia Hickman of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Pat Nodine, and great-grandfather Donald Jones.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling the arrangements.

Dean Paulen

FORT WAYNE — Dean A. Paulen, 73, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in DeKalb County, Mr. Paulen was a night auditor with Signature Inn for 22 years and a mail clerk for Food Marketing Corp. for nine years, retiring in November, 1998. He also was a marketing associate with Pre Paid Legal.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He graduated from Ashley High School in 1949 and Tri-State University. He was a member of Grace Point Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret M. Paulen of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry David and Stacy Paulen of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Dan J. Barkley and his wife, Christina, of Fort Wayne, and John Barkley of Decatur; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Ruby Paulen of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Sam Grogg of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepsons, Ralh A. Barkley in 1994 and Allan T. Barkley in 1995.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, 8611 Mayhew Road, Fort Wayne.

Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to services at the church Thursday.

Memorials are to the family.

Reagan Waldron

PAULDING, Ohio — Reagan Alana Waldron, 2, of Paulding, Ohio, died Monday, July 11, 2005, at her home.

She was born June 29, 2003, in Fort Wayne to Joseph J. Evans and Kimberly E. Waldron. Her father survives in Auburn and her mother survives in Paulding.

Also surviving are a half brother, Dalton Lee Evans of Garrett; grandparents, Merle Waldron Jr. and Barbara Waldron of Hicksville, Ohio, Ken Eagleson Jr. and Robin Eagleson of Paulding, Julie and Ed Hoffman of Wawaka and Rodney Evans of Auburn; great-grandparents, Larry and Joyce Copsey of Antwerp, Larry Fenton of Ruskin, Fla., and Jack and Karen Macy of Avilla; and stepgreat-grandparents, Robert and Armeld Wells of Hicksville.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Merle Waldron Sr. and Mary Waldron, Martha Miller and John Evans and her stepgreat-grandfather, Lee "Birdy" Riley.

Calling will be Monday from 1-3 p.m. Indiana time at the Den Herder Funeral Home, 1000 W. Wayne St., Paulding.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Ronald McDonald House.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to include an additional survivor.*

Theodore Prater

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Mr. Prater was born Feb. 15, 1949, in Alphretta, Ky., to Jobie and Lula (Thompson) Prater.

Surviving are six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Diana and Mark Reid, Barbara Sexton and Joyce and Dale Reade, all of Kendallville, Brenda and Hank Ochoa of Butler, Janice and Daniel Simmons of Wolcottville and Billie Ann and Jack Rowe of Louisville, Ky.; and eight brothers and four sisters-in-law, Mike Prater of Garrett, Richard and Glema Prater and Ron Prater of Kendallville, David and Deb Prater of Rome City, Gene and Willie Prater of Douglasville, Ga., Don Prater of Allen, Ky., Dockie and Jackie Prater of eastern Kentucky and Sonny Prater, address unknown.

Services were Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial was in Lisbon Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Edna Sill

AUBURN — Edna J. Sill, 96, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 13, 2005.

She was born in New Haven on Sept. 12, 1908, to William and Ora (Barrone) Wolfe. She married LeRoy Sill, who preceded her in death in 1957.

Mrs. Sill retired in 1970 from General Electric in Fort Wayne. She was a charter member of First Assembly of God Church in Fort Wayne and a charter member of The Elex Club at GE.

Some nieces and nephews survive.

A private service was held for family and close friends. The Rev. Sam Weimer officiated. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, handled arrangements.

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A. Robert Sbarge

AUBURN — A. Robert Sbarge, 68, Auburn, died Friday, July 15, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Sbarge

Mr. Sbarge was born in New York City on Oct. 9, 1936, the son of Samuel and Miriam Sbarge, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Sbarge married Gail Thompson in Chicago in June 1956 and she preceded him in death on Oct. 15, 2002. Mr. Sbarge married Carolyn May on Dec. 31, 2003, in Auburn and she survives.

Mr. Sbarge was retired from serving as the president and chief executive officer of the Auburn Cord Duesenburg Museum in Auburn for 12 years. He had been very active with the current Rieke Park Fund drive. He is a past president of Auburn Rotary, served on the board of directors of the Community Concert Association and had achieved the master level as a Tai Chi instructor and was certified by the American Center for Chinese Studies. Throughout his life he was an avid amateur and professional photographer. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art will be featuring Mr. Sbarge's black and white portraits from around the world in an exhibit titled "Without Boundaries," Nov. 12 to Jan. 22.

He also is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Debra Sbarge, Charlotte, N.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Carol Sbarge and Todd Wilson of Atlanta and Jean Sbarge of Philadelphia; a brother and sister-in-law, Arnold and Anne Sbarge, Hartford, Conn.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to either the American Cancer Society for Pancreatic Reserch in care of Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo IN 46793; or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Ronald Tutwiler

AUBURN — Ronald L. "Tut" Tutwiler, 52, of Lakewood, Colo., died unexpectedly of pneumonia on Saturday, July 16, 2005, at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Tutwiler was born in Auburn on Oct. 30, 1952, to Donald and Joan (Walters) Tutwiler, and they preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Chris Hess of Avon Park, Fla., and Jeff and Kathy Bassett of Auburn; and a nephew, Nathaniel Reed of Lakeland, Fla.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1970 to 1982, when he moved to Denver. He survived three brain tumor surgeries. He was blinded as a result of one of the tumors and had resided in a care facility for the past eight years.

Private services will be held for the immediate family. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of the arrangements.

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Blooms and birds

Mrs. Shumaker was passionate about flowers and her feathered friends

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Susanna Shumaker may be gone, but she left behind a beautiful legacy of flora and fauna.

"She loved her flowers and she loved her birds," said Terry, the oldest of Mrs. Shumaker's two sons.

Indeed, the home on South Butler Street in Angola where Mrs. Shumaker and her husband, Heber, lived for most of their 56 married years is a wonderland of colorful blooms and exotic birds, both inside and out.

"She had an extreme green thumb," Terry said. "Her flowers were always beautiful. And she had I don't know how many birds — swans, peacocks and guinea hens outside and cockatiels and an African gray parrot inside."

Although the birds were something Mrs. Shumaker took a liking to after her children were raised and had moved out, Terry said there were always pets when he and his brothers and sisters were growing up.

"There were always animals of somekind around," he said.

Pets are something attached to many of the memories of the Shumakers' oldest child, their daughter Linda Pollock.

"There were always lots of pets," she said. "Dachshunds mostly, and some other dogs. There were always more than one. My dad had a Dachshund and I had one, and my other sisters would always have dogs."

Terry said his mother loved yardwork, and that it was rare she let anyone else help her with it, much less do it for her.

"They have something like five acres here in town," he said. "She probably mowed 2 1/2 acres of that herself with a push mower, just because she liked to … and probably because she didn't trust … around the trees."

Linda said as old as her mother got, she was still just a kid at heart.

"She loved playing in the mud puddles with the grandkids," she said with a smile.

Linda said she was amazed by how her mother kept living her life as if nothing was wrong, even when she was seriously ill.

"She kept busy right up until three weeks ago," Linda said. "I just couldn't believe her out there mowing all that lawn. I have a hard time with mine, and I don't have nearly as much."

Terry said although his mother was loving, she was also the family disciplinarian.

"She could be strict," he said with a smile in his voice. "We got to know the lilac switch and the forsythia switch pretty well."

Some of those closest to Mrs. Shumaker described her in a number of different ways, but all of them agreed on one thing — she was not wishy-washy.

Mrs. Shumaker worked as a crossing guard for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 25 years, and also had worked as a special police officer for the city of Angola.

"She was a tough old bird," said Angola Police Department Chief Jon Parrish, whose mother was a classmate of Mrs. Shumaker's when the two were girls. "She spoke her mind and told it like it was. She said what she thought, and that was that."

The Shumaker family has remained close, even as the children have grown up and started families of their own. All seven Shumaker children — five girls and two boys — still live in either Angola or Fremont.

"My family were the oddballs. We lived in a couple of other places, but then we came back," Terry said.

Linda said she knows her mother was tickled that all of her children lived so close to her.

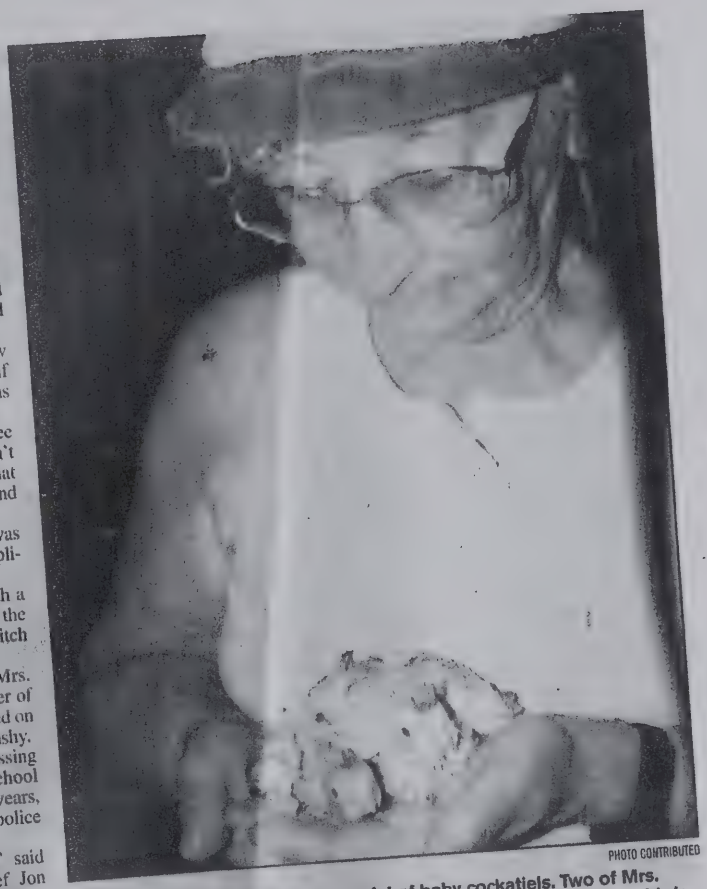
"She liked to have her family around her," Linda said. "Reunions and get-togethers — that was important to her."

Mrs. Shumaker proved her toughness last fall when she was diagnosed with lymphatic cancer. She breezed through treatments and was cancer-free for some months, only to be diagnosed about three weeks ago with acute leukemia.

"It was quick after that," Terry said quietly. "The good thing was, she was never in any pain."

Linda agreed, saying her mother was "never a complainer."

"The most medicine she ever took was Tylenol," she said. "She was not one to moan about things. She was strong."



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Susanna Shumaker cuddles an armful of baby cockatiels. Two of Mrs. Shumaker's biggest passions in life were her flowers and the many birds – including swans, peacocks, guinea hens and African gray parrots– she kept inside and outside her Angola home.

Joel Kistler Jr.

GARRETT — Joel L. Kistler Jr., 21, of Garrett died Friday, July 15, 2005, in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne from injuries suffered in a house fire in his Garrett home the previous day.

Mr. Kistler was employed at Wal-Mart in Auburn. He loved to fish and work on race cars with his Uncle Jerry. He was born May 8, 1984, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Joel L. Kistler Sr. and Debra Kistler of Butler; his mother and stepfather, Teresa (Melchi) and Newton Moore of Auburn; his foster parents, Jerry and Rose Oberlin of Garrett; nine sisters, Mary Kistler of Fort Wayne, Jennifer Garrison, Amber Kistler and Kelsey Kistler, all of Garrett, Jessica Belcher and Missioura Smith, both of Auburn, Romona Garrison of St. Joe, Roxanne Nolen of Sturgis, Mich., and MaryEllen Clark of Pennsylvania; six brothers, Matthew Fortna of Butler, Norman Garrison, Andrew Oberlin and Jerry Melchi, all of Garrett, and Stephen Clark Jr. and John Clark, both of Pennsylvania; four grandparents, Janice Kistler of Auburn, Virginia Oberlin of Waterloo, Missioura Warble of St. Joe and June Kistler of Angola; and a great-grandmother, Gladys Franks of Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jerry and Rose Oberlin Fire Relief Fund, in care of DeKalb Financial Credit Union.

David Cook

BUTLER — David Wayne Cook, 56, of rural Butler died Friday, July 15, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Cook was a 1967 graduate of Hicksville High School in Ohio. He retired from Dana Corp. at Fort Wayne.

He attended St. John Lutheran Chuch in Hicksville and played in the men's golf league at Hickory Hills in Hicksville. He was a former member of the Eagles. He enjoyed fishing and golfing.

He was born Jan. 17, 1949, in Hicksville to Carl and Dorothy (Roberts) Cook. They preceded him in death.

He married Arlene Laux on June 9, 1978. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Michelle and Rusty Hesselschwardt of Ney, Ohio, and Melissa Jordan of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Jami Langham of Auburn and Jason and Sarah Cook of Ashley; eight grandchildren; and two brothers, Doug Cook of Cecil, Ohio, and Dennis Cook of Sequim, Wash.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in St. John Lutheran Church of Hicksville.

Calling will be today from 1:30-4:30 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Memorials are to Johns Hopkins University or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to list additional surviving relatives.*

Joel Kistler Jr.

GARRETT — Joel L. "Joey" Kistler Jr., 21, of Garrett died Friday, July 15, 2005, in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne from injuries suffered in a house fire in his Garrett home the previous day.

Mr. Kistler was employed at Wal-Mart in Auburn. He loved to fish and work on race cars with his Uncle Jerry. He was born May 8, 1984, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Joel L. Kistler Sr. and Debra Kistler of Butler; his mother and stepfather, Teresa (Melchi) and Newton Moore of Auburn; his foster parents, Jerry and Rose Oberlin of Garrett; nine sisters, Mary Kistler of Fort Wayne, Jennifer Garrison, Amber Kistler and Kelsey Kistler, all of Garrett, Jessica Belcher and Missioura Smith, both of Auburn, Romona Garrison of St. Joe, Roxanne Nolen of Sturgis, Mich., and MaryEllen Clark of Pennsylvania; six brothers, Matthew Fortna of Butler, Norman Garrison, Andrew Oberlin and Jerry Melchi, all of Garrett, and Stephen Clark Jr. and John Clark, both of Pennsylvania; two stepsisters, Rebecca Howe and Nicole Moore, both of Martin, Ky.; a stepbrother, Nicholas Moore of Martin, Ky.; four grandparents, Janice Kistler of Auburn, Virginia Oberlin of Waterloo, Missioura Warble of St. Joe and June Kistler of Angola; a stepgrandmother, Marilyn Puckett of Auburn; and a great-grandmother, Gladys Franks of Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jerry and Rose Oberlin Fire Relief Fund, in care of DeKalb Financial Credit Union.

Larry Hartman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Larry Gene "The Breeze" Hartman, 59, of Edgerton died at 6:16 a.m. Sunday, July 17, 2005, from an apparent heart attack, shortly after being admitted to Wayne Hospital in Greenville.

Mr. Hartman

Mr. Hartman was a heavy equipment operator with Perry Excavating in Edgerton and the former owner and operator of Hartman Tool and Supply in Edgerton from 1984 to 2004.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a lifetime member of Waterloo Post 6572 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Hartman was born Nov. 27, 1945, in New Orleans to Loren D. Hartman Sr. and Georgia L. (Musser) Hartman. His mother survives in Edgerton. His father preceded him in death.

On March 3, 1966, in Bryan, he married Martha B. Ayres. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Sherry Hartman of Butler and Scott Hartman and his fiancee, Teea Vogelsong, of Edgerton; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacquelyn and Troy Shutt of Auburn; four grandchildren, Zachary and Macey Shutt and Alyssa and Jessica Hartman; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Rex Lynn Hartman of Kendallville and Loren Donald Jr. and Bobbi Hartman of Hamilton; four nieces; and two nephews.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. (Indiana times) at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton, with a memorial service to follow at 6 p.m. (Indiana time). Military rites will be conducted by the Waterloo VFW Post 6572.

Memorials may be given to Hospice Care of Williams and Fulton counties.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to give additional information.*

Ronald Tutwiler

AUBURN — Ronald L. "Tut" Tutwiler, 52, of Lakewood, Colo., died unexpectedly of pneumonia on Saturday, July 16, 2005, at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver.

Mr. Tutwiler was born on Oct. 30, 1952, in Auburn to Donald and Joan (Walters) Tutwiler. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Chris Hess of Avon Park, Fla., and Jeff and Kathy Bassett of Auburn; and a nephew, Nathaniel Reed of Lakeland, Fla.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1973 to 1975. He worked at International Harvester from 1970 to 1982, when he moved to Denver. He survived three brain-tumor surgeries and resided in a care facility for the past eight years. The second tumor damaged his optic nerves and left him sightless.

His eyes are being donated to the eye bank in Denver so that another may enjoy life as much as he did.

Private services will be held for the immediate family. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

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William Mansfield

ST. JOE — William W. Mansfield, 78, of St. Joe died Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Mansfield was employed at Tokheim Corp. for 37 years. A World War II Army veteran, he was discharged in 1945. He was a member of the St. Joe Volunteer Fire Department for more than 20 years.

He was born March 5, 1927, in Benton to Martin and Laura (Weisman) Mansfield. They preceded him in death.

He married Beverly Ridgway on March 24, 1951, and she died in January 1997.

Surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Jerry and Melberne Mansfield of Bowie, Md., John and Theri Mansfield of Auburn, Mike Mansfield of St. Joe, Mark Mansfield of Fort Wayne and Brian and Brandy Mansfield of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Curt Vinson of St. Joe; two brothers, Calvin Mansfield of Auburn and George Mansfield of Lake Placid, Fla.; two sisters, Beatrice Harr of Butler and Dorothy Stevenson of Butler; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Boyd and Henry Mansfield; and a sister, Ruth Sonner.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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July 21 2005 Auburn, Indiana

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with revised information.*

William Mansfield

ST. JOE — William W. Mansfield, 78, of St. Joe died Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Mansfield was employed at Tokheim Corp. for 37 years. A World War II Army veteran, he was discharged Oct. 13, 1948. He was a member of the St. Joe Volunteer Fire Department for more than 20 years.

He was born March 5, 1927, in Benton to Martin and Laura (Wiseman) Mansfield. They preceded him in death.

He married Beverly Ridgway on March 24, 1951, and she died in January 1997.

Surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Jerry and Melberne Mansfield of Bowie, Md., John and Theri Mansfield of Auburn, Mike Mansfield of St. Joe, Mark Mansfield of Fort Wayne and Brian and Brandy Mansfield of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Curt Vinson of St. Joe; two brothers, Calvin Mansfield of Auburn and George Mansfield of Lake Placid, Fla.; one sister, Dorothy Stevenson of Butler; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Boyd and Henry Mansfield; and two sisters, Beatrice Harr and Ruth Sonner.

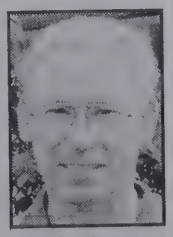
Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Jon Sigl

ANGOLA — Jon David Sigl, 66, of Angola died Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at home.



Mr. Sigl

Mr. Sigl was born Nov. 22, 1938, in Fort Wayne to Edward K. and Josephine (Yaest) Sigl. He was married to Karen Prior on Dec. 11, 1971. She survives.

He was a traveling computer instructor for HCM Corp. for 17 years. He retired in 1993. He had also worked at Precision Litho in Fort Wayne.

He attended St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. He traveled with his wife throughout the United States and Canada. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Ski Club and a volunteer at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in Auburn. He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two brothers, Edward D. Sigl of Bluffton and Thomas J. Sigl of Fort Collins, Colo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and one hour before services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, ACRES Inc. or St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

DeNel Rohrs

FORT WAYNE — DeNel L. Rohrs, 57, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 16, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had lived at Oak Meadows in Auburn and Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne before moving to her own home.

She was a member of Mark Center United Methodist Church and had worked at Quadco in Stryker, Ohio, for 10 years.

She attended the School for the Blind in Columbus, Ohio, and Mark Center High School.

She was born Oct. 27, 1947, in Bryan, Ohio, to Norman and Audra (Fix) Rohrs. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Norma Jean and Bob Hemrick of Harlan, Kay and Richard Cook of Spencerville and Dee Lee and Gene Andrews of Bryan, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Clarence Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will two hours prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to ORBIS SightFlight or Mark Center United Methodist Church.

Mary Wilcoxson

LEWISTON, Mich. — Mary E. Wilcoxson, 88, of Lewiston died Sunday, July 17, 2005, at Tendercare in Gaylord.

Mrs. Wilcoxson and her husband owned the Runaway Restaurant in Lewiston for nine years. She also worked for Essex Wire in Atlanta, Mich., for 13 years, and for Fred Bear Archery for three years. She was a member of the Congregational Church and the Lewiston 50+ Club.

She was born Jan. 6, 1917, in Garrett.

On Jan. 6, 1937, in Garrett, she married Harold Wilcoxson. The couple moved to Lewiston from Fort Wayne in 1954. Her husband preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Fern Wilcoxson of Auburn; a daughter, Joan Tomlinson of Centerline; five grandchildren, Deborah, Brian, Mark and Cory Wilcoxson and Michael Tomlinson; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Bernice Schneider of Auburn.

Services were held Wednesday at Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord, with Pastor Kenneth McGarvey officiating. Burial was in Albert Township Cemetery at Lewiston.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Anna Haggerty

LAFONTAINE — Anna Marie Haggerty, 1, died Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She attended Hillside Wesleyan Church in Marion.

She was born March 22, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Stephen E. Haggerty and Robin Marie (Salmons) Haggerty of LaFontaine; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Laura J. Haggerty, who was her twin, and Jennifer and Daniel Inderlied of Bippus; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Seth A. Pepple of LaFontaine, Chris M. Decker of Auburn and Josh S. and Andrea Haggerty of Wabash; her maternal grandmother, Ellen Salmons of Auburn; her paternal grandmother, Barbara Jean Haggerty of Warren; and her paternal great-grandmother, Martha Newell of Warren.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Edward Charles Haggerty.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Glancy Funeral Homes — H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, with Pastor Gary Bingham officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery at Warren.

Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Carol Anderson

FORT WAYNE — Carol J. Anderson, 64, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at her home.

She retired in 2003 from Kimball Electronics in Auburn.

Surviving are her husband, James, of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Dave Smith of Grabill; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Colleen Wattenbarger of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; a sister, Mary Lou Bonjour of Spencerville; and two stepdaughters, Amy Anderson and Laurie Anderson, both of Florida.

A brother, Robert Bonjour, preceded her in death.

Services will be at noon Saturday in the Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery of Harlan.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Kathryn Hall

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn E. Hall, 80, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, July 21, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Hall

Born in Butler, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Diane Hall of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Margery and Michael Middleton of Franklin, Tenn., and Julie Von Arx of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; two brothers, Herbert A. Kandel of Auburn and George V. Kandel of Butler; and a sister, Lila Jean McConnell of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Carl Hall, and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Ethel McGee

TULSA, Okla. — Ethel Diane (Holmes) McGee, 58, died Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

She was born Sept. 5, 1946, in Auburn to Ronald C. and Eva (LaBess Blazier) Holmes.

She attended Eastside High School in Butler and the Draughon Business School in Tulsa.

She met her husband, Bob, at a square dance studio where both were taking lessons. They were married Feb. 6, 1976, in Tulsa.

She was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1982. A little over a year later, she and her husband were married for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple and their daughter, Michelle, was sealed to them.

Throughout her life, she served her fellow man as a Young Women's president, Stake Primary secretary and then was called as compassionate service leader in the Relief Society. It was in this calling that she truly learned to serve others. She has assisted hundreds of Tulsa families over the past 13 years.

Surviving are her husband, Bob; a daughter, MIchelle Dawn Spicer; two sons, Robert W. and Andrew S. McGee; two stepsons Giorgio P. McGee of Claremore, Okla., and Sidney T. McGee of Tulsa; a sister, Hazelann Kimmel of Auburn; two brothers, Ronald C. Holmes of Auburn and James Holmes of Butler; and three grandchildren, Marcus, Jonathon and Kathryn McGee.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Raymond Holmes; and a sister, Esther Keefer.

Services were today at 10:30 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, New Haven Ward. A graveside committal followed at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ninde Funeral Directors, Garden Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

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Chloé Musleh

GARRETT — Chloé Renee Musleh was born and died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born with anencephaly, which affects one in 1,000 children.

Surviving are her parents, Michael and Marsha Musleh of Garrett; a sister, Alexis A. Musleh of Garrett; a maternal grandmother, Laura Bennett of Veedersburg; and a paternal grandfather, Fred E. Musleh of Carmel.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, William E. Bennett; and paternal grandmother, Sally A. Musleh.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Erin's House, 3811 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

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July 23 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Ronald Dove

BUTLER — Ronald David Dove, 53, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at his home in Butler.

Mr. Dove had worked at Tokheim Corp. in Fort Wayne for 27 years. He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970.

He was born March 28, 1952, in Garrett to Richard and Beverly (Duesler) Dove. They survive in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Chad and Erin Dove of Auburn and Tyler Dove of Auburn; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Candice Dove-Benward of Nashville, Tenn., and Catherine and Kevin Aldrich of Corunna; two nieces, Jamie Reed and her husband, Shane, and Sareece Benward; four nephews, Aaron Benward and his wife, Kenda, Colin Benward, Justin Aldrich and his wife, Alison, and Jarrod Aldrich; two great-nieces, Gracie Benward and Ella Benward and one great-nephew, Luke Benward.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Alan Dove, and three sets of grandparents, Ralph and Cleota Duesler, Harold and Vera LaRowe and Glen and Mary Dove.

Graveside services will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, led by the Rev. Jeoffrey Benward and Rex Metcalf.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler or a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Amy Scasny

ANGOLA — Amy Lynn Scasny, 43, of Angola died Thursday, July 21, 2005, in Angola.

On Feb. 12, 1962, in Angola, she was born to Felix Weldon and Bonnie (Brown) Harbaugh. On June 14, 1997, in Auburn, she married William Scasny. He survives.

She loved spending time with her family and friends and her grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Kristina Weldon of Angola, and Jessie Robbins of Coldwater, Mich.; two grandchildren, Serena and Austin Freed; five brothers, Rick Brown of Butler, Neal Weldon of Angola, Geoff Weldon of North Carolina, Danny Leslie of Pemberville, Ohio, and Scott Glendening of Fremont; and her parents, Bonnie Harbaugh of Vincennes, and Felix Weldon.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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July 24 2005 · Auburn, Indiana

Every day was good for Bob Sbarge

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — Robert Sbarge first came to Auburn in 1992 to interview for a job as executive director of the city's classic-car shrine, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Sbarge's credentials included running a maritime museum in New England. Herb Horrom, who was a director of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival, asked why Sbarge saw himself as qualified to run a car museum.

"He looked at me and said very plainly, 'It's not what's in the museum that you have to know — it's how you run the museum,'" Horrom said.

Sbarge got the job and Horrom eventually saw what he meant. So did everyone else.

"He really brought the museum's professionalism up several notches," Horrom said.

"When he came, we were a wonderful collection of cars and by the time he retired, we were a top-of-the-line educational museum," said Laura Brinkman, who succeeded Sbarge as executive director of the ACD Museum.

Sbarge didn't have long to enjoy his retirement. In May 2004, just months after stepping down, he found himself facing a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, a disease with a 3 percent survival rate.

Sbarge battled the disease with his relentless discipline and optimism. Until a few weeks ago, he seemed to be beating the odds. Then the cancer spread to his liver, he took a sudden turn for the worse and died July 15, 2005, at the age of 68.

Friends thought if anyone could overcome the deadly cancer, it would have been Sbarge. His healthy lifestyle included a vegetarian diet and regular exercise. He had run 42,000 miles in his lifetime, carefully logging them all, a friend said.

Shortly after arriving in Auburn, Sbarge began teaching tai chi, a Chinese martial art involving slow, graceful movements and using the mind to control the body.

Three of his devoted students, Lori Fox, Jay Proescher and Greg Vick, will carry out one of Sbarge's last wishes — continuing his Hall of the Changing Dragon tai chi school.

Sbarge's son, Eric, encouraged his father to begin studying the martial arts 25 years ago. Both became masters in their disciplines. Eric Sbarge now teaches more than 200 students in North Carolina.

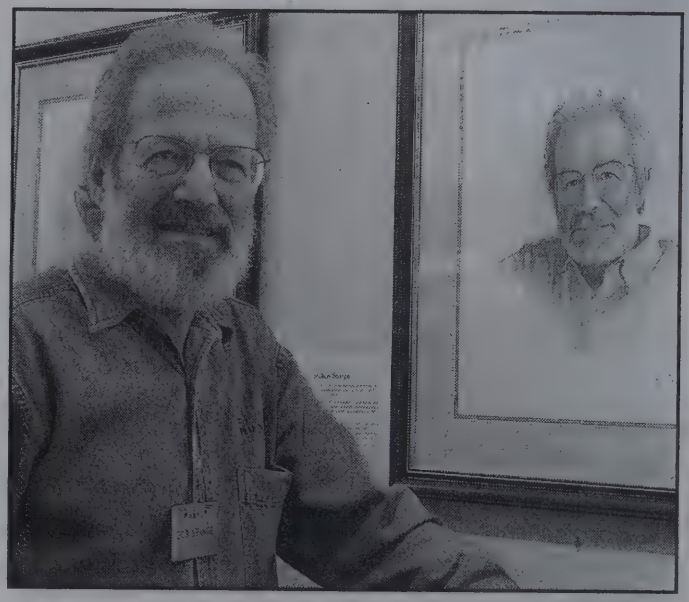
Bob Sbarge has influenced hundreds of people in the Auburn area through tai chi, Vick said. The local school has conducted six outreach classes in the past year, all to enthusiastic response.

"I always learned and experienced something new just being in his presence," Vick said of his mentor.

"He could get more accomplished in one sentence than anybody I've ever known," Vick added. He especially enjoyed Sbarge's succinct philosophy that "every day is a good day," even if it only teaches how to handle adversity,

Sbarge made the most of his days, finding time to tackle a variety of pursuits with enthusiasm.

In his final weeks, Sbarge worked with the Fort Wayne Museum of Art arranging an exhibit that will open Nov. 12, featuring his photographs from around the world.



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The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum honored Bob Sbarge by hanging his portrait in its Hall of Distinguished Service, making him the fourth person to be inducted.

As a member of Rotary, he used his traveling experience to lead a group of young professionals from Indiana to the Philippines for a month-long stay in 2004.

"He was the most outstanding Rotarian that we've ever had," said Don Budd, immediate past president of the Auburn club. Sbarge served two terms as local Rotary president and impressed Budd with his knowledge about the club.

"He was always reading about Rotary. He was what I call a true Rotarian," Budd said.

Sbarge's talents for persuasion helped him succeed in Rotary and in fundraising.

"Other people would ask you to do the same task, and you would turn them down, but Bob could talk you into it," Horrom said.

Sbarge convinced several prominent car collectors from around the nation to become board members of the ACD Museum. He also led a campaign to raise money for a major expansion of the museum building. In retirement, he was continuing to use his fundraising skills for community projects.

Sbarge had lost his first wife, Gail, to cancer in 2002 and had married his second wife, Carolyn, only months before cancer struck him.

After his cancer diagnosis, Sbarge told Vick, "No need to be sorry, we're all terminal."

Sbarge preached living in the present moment, Vick said. He taught his tai chi students that the past is gone and irreversible, and as for worrying about the future, "We don't know if we will be in our next breath."

THE EVENING STAR

July 24 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mrs. Bushman was active in senior community

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — During the many years she lived at Elliott Manor, a senior citizens' apartment complex in Angola, Betty Bushman became known as someone who would help wherever she was needed.

"I always said if I needed anything done, I just had to ask Betty," said Susan Whelchel, site director at Elliott Manor. "She was very active there. She would do anything for anyone. And she was good right up until the end."

After battling cancer for more than a year, Mrs. Bushman died at the Fremont home of her daughter, Pamela Lehman, on Monday. She was 74.

Angola Housing Authority executive director Diane Kiles said she remembered Mrs. Bushman helping out all over Elliott Manor.

"She worked in the dining room and at the nutrition site. If the nutrition site director wasn't there, she'd take charge and make sure everyone got their lunch," Kiles said. "She also took care of the birds in the aviary. She just did all kinds of stuff."

Mrs. Bushman

Some of that "stuff" included stints as Elliott Manor's chaplain and board president. Kiles said she can't remember Mrs. Bushman saying a cross word, and that no one ever had anything but good things to say about her.

"She was just a really nice lady. She was a sweetheart," she said.

Before Mrs. Bushman became such an active member of the Elliott Manor community, she led a full, busy life. She was married to her husband, Lawrence, on Dec. 29, 1947. The couple had four daughters, and three sons, as well as a daughter who is deceased.

Lawrence Bushman died on Aug. 13, 1994.

Mrs. Bushman was a devoted grandmother to 10 and great-grandmother to 12.

"She was loving and sweet to all of (her grandchildren and great-grandchildren)," said Lehman.

Mrs. Bushman also worked outside the home as a bookkeeper and was active in her church, Peace Lutheran in Fremont, where she has played the organ and was a member of the guild. In her spare time, she had been a leader for Girl Scouts and taught Sunday school.

The cancer diagnosis, Whelchel said, was not something that Mrs. Bushman allowed to get in the way of everyday life.

"They told her she was only going to make it to this past February, and she outlived that," Whelchel said. "She knew she was dying, and it never stopped her from helping others. She did her thing, always. She was a giver. She made a difference."

Lehman said one of the last things her mother wanted to do before she passed on was go roller skating one more time — and she did it about a year ago.

"My daughter and nephew would take her around the rink, then she'd come take some oxygen from her tank and go right back out there and do it again," she said. "It was so funny."

Lehman said she suspects the reason her mother lived longer than doctors thought she would was because there were babies coming she had to meet.

"She hung on to see the last two great-grandkids born," she said with a smile in her voice. "The last one came in February."

Elizabeth Mills

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth "Char" Chalayne Mills, 73, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Ossian, died Thursday, July 21, 2005, at her home.

She was a waitress at the Dutch Mill in Bluffton and worked in the packing department at Tuthill Pump, retiring in 1993.

She was a member of Eastern Star in Fremont and a den mother for the Ossian Cub Scouts.

She was born March 1, 1932, in Buck Run, Pa., to Frank and Harriet Hall. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ellen and William Demetre of Ossian; two sons, Steven Mills of Fort Wayne and S. David Mills of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Daniel and Abigail Demetre, both of Ossian.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2 to 6 p.m. and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc.

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Carl Henderson

EVANSVILLE — Carl Jene Henderson, 85, formerly of Evansville died Friday, July 22, 2005, from complications of a stroke.

Mr. Henderson

Mr. Henderson had retired from Sears. He was a member of the Eagles and active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born in Lafayette and was a graduate of Central High School in Evansville.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory Kent and Emma Henderson of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela Henderson Kennedy and Daniel Kennedy of Overland Park, Kan.; a sister, Mary Elizabeth Price of Champaign, Ill.; and seven grandchildren, Bradford, Christen, Kelly Ann, Geoffrey and Laurel Henderson and Daniel Jr. and Devin Kennedy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta Henderson; a daughter, Sharon Dawn; and a son, Bradford Jene.

Services were at noon Monday in Alexander East Chapel. Burial was at Alexander Memorial Park.

Alexander East Chapel of Evansville handled arrangements.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children at Indianapolis.

Condolences may be left online at www.mem.com.

David Howard

CLAYPOOL — David Howard, 29, of Claypool died Sunday, July 24, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Howard owned and operated the Bee Hive Restaurant at Beaver Dam Lake.

He was a 1995 graduate of DeKalb High School and a member of the Akron United Methodist Church in Akron, Ind.

He was born March 3, 1976, in Auburn to Hubert and Geraldine (Patrick) Howard. They survive in Claypool.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Charlene and Jerry Crager of Auburn; a niece and nephew, Ashley and Dustin Crager of Auburn; a special friend, Nick White; his aunts and uncles, J.B. and Karen Howard of North Judson, Faye Judy of Fort Wayne, Vergie Stacie of LaPorte, Bradford and Nadine Handshoe of Hindman, Ky., Mallie Clemons of Knott County, Ky., Ray Howard of Charleston, S.C., Cressie Smith of Knott County, Arther Howard of Florida, Estle Howard of Lima, Ohio, James Willy Patrick of Kentucky, Dale Patrick and Ray Patrick, both of Jackson, Ky., and Julie Tharp and Christine Johnson, both of Erie, Pa.; and many friends.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Rob Seawall officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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July 27 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Ruth Lung

AVILLA — Ruth M. Lung, 97, of Avilla died at 2:53 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had been a resident 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. Lung

Mrs. Lung retired in 1970 from the East Noble school system after a 40-year teaching career. She taught at schools in Orange Township, Allen Township, Ligonier, Kendallville and East Noble, all in Noble County; Richland Township near Rochester in Fulton County; Lafayette Township in Allen County; and Butler, Fairfield, Keyser, Richland and Union townships in DeKalb County.

She was a graduate of Garrett High School and Manchester College.

A lifetime area resident, she was a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Kendallville Garden Club, BPW and the Retired Teachers Association.

She was born Sept. 16, 1907, in Indiana County, Pa., to Andrew Lincoln and Essie (Cocanower) Ober. On June 6, 1937, near Corunna, she married Chester D. Lung. He died June 18, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Rita Caldwell of Kendallville; a sister, Melissa Taylor of Goshen; a granddaughter and her husband, Kristina and Ken Wisner of Kendallville; five great-grandchildren, Dustin Woods, Alisha Woods, Tiffany Woods, Austin Woods and Mackennzie Wisner; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Jonathon Wisner and Matthew Wisner.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Joseph Ober, Paul Ober, Forrest Ober and Kendall Ober; and two sisters, Gertrude Buchanan and Velma Ober.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren near Corunna with the Rev. Donald Shankster of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Scamper School Pre-School at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent online to www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

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July 28 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Martha Beard

PLEASANT LAKE — Martha Jean Beard, 74, of rural Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. She had been battling complications of a stroke she suffered on March 21.

Mrs. Beard was born in Chicago on Nov. 11, 1930, to Don and Della (Steckley) Snyder. She married Robert M. Beard on Feb. 6, 1949, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1996.

She attended the Stroh Church of Christ and was a member of the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and the Northeastern Indiana Steam and Gas Association.

She was retired from Starcraft in Topeka.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lee and Linda Beard of Hudson and Donald Beard of Michigan City; a daughter and son-in-law, Roberta and Robert Pfafman of LaGrange; a half-brother, Max Wallace of Garrett; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Todd Pfafman of LaGrange, Teresa and Ronnie Smith of Montreal, Mo., David and Andrea Beard of Cuba, Mo., Deanna and Jon Nei of Albion, Kristan and Bruce Heyman of Lisle, Ill., Josh Beard of Pleasant Lake, Joston and Lisa Beard of Fort Wayne, Molly and Kyle Scherer of Albion, Donald and Leslie Joy of Virginia and Benji and Courtney Beard of LaGrange; and eight great-grandchildren, Ranson and Roman Beard of Cuba, Mo., Ethan and Bianca Nei of Albion, Lane and Justice Beard of Fort Wayne, Cara Smith of Montreal, Mo., and Sydney Heyman of Lisle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Salem Center Fire Auxiliary or Northeast Indiana Steam Association.

Codolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.

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Walter Michels

KENDALLVILLE — Walter G. Michels, 91, of Kendallville died Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at 1:38 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home at Kendallville.

Mr. Michels retired from International Harvester in 1975.

He was born July 3, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Louis and Mary (Franke) Michels.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth K. (Toenges) Michels; three daughters and sons-in-law, Freya and Wayne Beck of Erie, Colo., Mary and Randy McConaughey of Boulder, Colo., and Deanna and Lynn Spidel of Rome City; one son and daughter-in-law, John and Sandy Michels of Garrett; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date. Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

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July 31 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Fire victim worked hard, loved racing

BY BILL GISEL
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GARRETT — Joel Kistler was 13 and headed for a foster home when his mother's brother, Jerry Oberlin, and his new wife, Rose, took him into their home.

In the following years, Joel became another son and brother to the blended Oberlin family. His two sisters also later came to live with the Oberlins.

"We treated him the same as our own kids ... he knew he was loved," Jerry Oberlin said earlier this week, during a break in working on repairs to the family's fire-damaged home on North Taylor Road.

Joel, 21, died as the result of smoke inhalation from the July 14 house fire. He was asleep after working third shift at the Auburn Wal-Mart store and temporarily forgotten when nine other family members fled the burning home.

"You never know how many lives one life touches," said Kathy Davidson, a Wal-Mart supervisor. She said it was "standing-room only" at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, where Joel was remembered by family and friends as someone who loved his family and reached out to all he met.

"We are still in mourning" Davidson said of Wal-Mart managers and associates. Managers are wearing white ribbons in memory of Joel, who had worked as a stockman for about nine months. Associates have donated time, money, clothing and furniture, and are continuing to support the family.

The Wal-Mart "family" is "taking care of his family — something Joel would have wanted us to do," said Cindy Anderson, a co-worker whose daughter was a close friend of Joel.

Next to his family, Joel's greatest love was racing. His uncle, Jerry Oberlin, fields a street stock racer at the Angola Motor Speedway, and Joel was a proud member of his uncle's pit crew.

"He didn't want to be a driver," Jerry Oberlin said, although he enjoyed doing "hot laps" to help dry off a wet track, Rose Oberlin added. Joel's cousin and best friend, Ben DeLong, shares driving duties with Jerry.

Anderson said plans are under way to honor Joel Saturday at the speedway, and she and her husband are planning to build and name a race car in Joel's honor.

"We want him to be remembered," Anderson said. "It is something we want to do for him."

Rudi Thomas, another friend and co-worker at Wal-Mart, wrote a memorial titled "The Joel Kistler Story" which was shared at Joel's funeral.

"It was very powerful, and just about said it all," said another family friend, Dean Hullinger.

Thomas granted permission to reprint what he wrote:

"There was a time when a young man walked into this place, he needed a job and he needed it right away. And that was Joel, Joel Kistler was his name.

"He did the work of two grown men, he was quiet as a mouse and he earned a lot of respect just the same. And that was Joel, Joel Kistler was his name.

"Whenever someone needed help, he'd drop what he was doing and went to their aid, all before you could take another breath. And that was Joel. Joel Kistler was his name.

"He never thought about himself, it was always someone else — some other place. And that was Joel, Joel Kistler was his name.

"Then one day he came home from work, he was quite tired, he laid right down and took a rest. That was his reward for a hard night's work. That was Joel, Joel Kistler was his name.

"Somewhere in his sleep, God called on him and whispered in his ear, 'Hey Joel, can you come on home, I need you now. I need you right away, I've got something for you to do, it just can't wait.' And that was Joel, Joel Kistler was his name.

"And on his lips were the words, 'Sure, no problem, I'll be right there.' And that was Joel, Joel Kistler was his name."

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Joel Kistler, respected for his hard-working nature, enjoys a moment of relaxation.

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Robert Butler

HAMILTON — Robert "Bob" June Butler, 83, of Hamilton died Friday, July 29, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn on Nov. 24, 1921, he was the son of the late Ralph and Beatrice (Hinsey) Butler. He married DeVonna Kalb Butler Aug. 28, 1946.

Mr. Butler was retired from Renaissance Publishing, a World War II Army veteran, a 63-year member of Auburn American Legion Post 97, Auburn Moose, Butler Eagles and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Mr. Butler is survived by his wife; two sons and daughter-in-law, Thomas E. and Janet Butler of Hamilton and Richard A. Butler of St. Charles, Mo.; a brother, Donald Butler of Auburn; a great-grandson, Logan R. Butler of Auburn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Bernard "Bud" Butler, Eugene "Mick" Butler and Philip Butler.

A graveside service for Robert Butler will be on Monday at 11 a.m. at Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton with American Legion Post 97 conducting military graveside rites.

Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Oberlin Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, prior to the graveside service on Monday. Services have been entrusted to Oberlin Ford Funeral Home and Crematory, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions are to be the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Ralph Kester

AUBURN — Ralph K. Kester, 75, of Auburn died in his rural Auburn home on Saturday, July 30, 2005.

Mr. Kester was employed at Auburn Foundry for 38 years, retiring in 1991. He was on the Auburn Foundry bowling team, a Golden Gloves boxer and loved camping, fishing and NASCAR racing.

He was born Dec. 28, 1929, in Garrett to Kenneth and Gladys G. (Howey) Kester. He married Donna Rodebaugh on Jan. 28, 1950. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Laurie S. Kester, Debra S. Kester and her fiance, Barry Bruner, and Shirley A. West, all of Auburn; one sister, Doris L. Sassanella of Auburn; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Danny Kester.

Services will be 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Indian Village Church of God: Food Bank or Youth Group.

Arrangements are being made by Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Irene Odenkirk

AUBURN — Irene D. Odenkirk, 94, of Auburn died Friday, July 29, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Irene Odenkirk was born Feb. 26, 1911, in DeKalb County to John and Sarah (Peters) Dannenburg. She married James "Jim" Odenkirk in November of 1940. He preceded her in death Dec. 12, 1964.

She was employed at Auburn Rubber Co. for 11 years and Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett for 27 years.

She also was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, and former "Farmer of the Year" award recipient.

Surviving are three grandchildren, Robert Brownell of Jacksonville, Fla., Ann Barth of Kimmell and Amy Antrup of Waterloo; one sister, Gladys Klausing of Garrett; and nine great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Arrangements by Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

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Mr. Carr shared his love of Steuben County

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Because of Bill Carr, a lot more people know a lot more things about the history of Steuben County.

Although the Steuben County native spent many years living in Hartland, Mich., where he was a junior high science teacher, he always had a subscription to the local newspapers and kept up with what was going on. When Cameron Woods Assisted Living Center opened in 1999, he decided to come back to his first home to spend his final years.

Mr. Carr was very active at Cameron Woods. He attended every focus group meeting there and went to planning sessions with other charter residents.

"It didn't matter what topic we were discussing, Bill had a book or reference of some sort to share," said Erika Sanborn, director of Cameron Woods. "He became the human resource for any topic we wanted to know about."

Mr. Carr

Mr. Carr's nephew, John Greenamyer, who works at the Steuben County Health Department, said he was often asked to call his Uncle Bill, as he could answer most questions about different areas of the county — and if he didn't know the answer, he knew where to go to find it.

Many attendees at Mr. Carr's funeral services were his former students. One, Thomas Risner, who graduated from high school in 1965, said he wondered whether or not to wear a tie to the funeral. He ended up doing so, because, he said, "You always gave your best for Mr. Carr."

Another former student, Carol Banfield, said having Mr. Carr as a teacher made a great difference in her life.

"There are not many teachers who have made such a positive impact on the careers of students," she said.

Mr. Carr was very interested in nature. Sanborn said he would often walk about the Cameron Woods grounds observing the flora and fauna. He put out salt blocks for the deer and kept food out for the birds and squirrels. He was passionate about land preservation, and was a contributor for the purchase of new land at Pokagon State Park.

Genealogy was another area of great interest to Mr. Carr. He was a member of the Steuben County Genealogical Society. Julie Duncan, a fellow society member, said she enjoyed working at the society's booth with Mr. Carr because he was always so interested in other people. He always asked people who their family was, and could usually tell them some nice fact from generations back.

"He was a walking history book, especially of Steuben County," Duncan said. "He loved his genealogy and was a joy to work with. He was a real class act."

Mr. Carr fought a valiant battle with esophageal cancer. He lost his fight on June 15. He was 77.

He was a bachelor and never had any children of his own, but he was well-loved and was an inspiration to a large group of nieces and nephews.

"He leaves a legacy to his nieces and nephews of his love of learning and sharing of his knowledge with others around him," said a tribute written by his family.

Violette Patee

AUBURN — Violette P. Patee, 87, died Friday, July 29, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Patee

She managed Butler's Higley Bookstore, one of the first Christian bookstores in northeast Indiana, for over 40 years. She was a pioneer in local children's ministry and taught or assisted with Sunday school for nearly 60 years at the Butler Church of Christ. She also volunteered for over 50 summers at Lake James Christian Assembly, serving in a number of capacities.

She was born March 8, 1918, in Newville to Tom and Clara (Bash) Brunson. On Oct. 24, 1937, in Macy, she married Ora K. Patee. He preceded her in death on March 11, 2001.

She is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Shannon and Phil Smith of Butler and Karolyn and Jim Carey of Fort Wayne; a brother, Lavon Brunson of Harlan; a sister, Maxine Kimmel of Hicksville, Ohio; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Lois Maxey; and a grandchild.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Butler Church of Christ, with the Rev. Frank E. Weller officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Newville.

Calling will be one hour before services at the church on Wednesday and on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway St., Butler.

Memorials are to Lake James Christian Assembly or the Butler Church of Christ.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.he.johnsonfh.com.

Farrell Hanna

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Farrell S. Hanna, 95, died Saturday, July 30, 2005, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

Mr. Hanna was a lifelong farmer near Newville in DeKalb County. He was a member of the Newville Church of Christ. After moving to Hicksville, he attended the First Church of Christ in Hicksville.

He was an avid collector of Indian artifacts and history, which now are displayed at the DeKalb Historical Society Museum.

Surviving are a sister, Lillian Tomlinson of Hicksville; a brother, Wayne Hanna of Hamilton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born April 4, 1910, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Fay and Wealtha (Kisabeth) Hanna.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Ken Wellman of the First Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ or the DeKalb Historical Society Museum.

Walter Lepley

ASHLEY — Walter "Winny" Lepley, 89, of Ashley died Saturday, July 30, 2005.

Mr. Lepley owned and operated G.C. Lepley Sales in Ashley, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church. He was a founding member of the Steuben County Board of Aviation Commissioners, serving from 1969 to 2003.

He was born March 23, 1916, in Ashley to Guy C. and Gladys (Spangler) Lepley.

He married Delora J. Peters on Sept. 1, 1962, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Sally Lepley of Leo and Jack and Erin Lepley of Angola; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Judy Richie of Ashley, Janet and Bob Seman of LaGrange, Sandra and Curtis Rhoads of Hudson, Delora and Randy Mann of Angola and Connie and Rusty Richards of Cromwell; four brothers, Bud, Jim, Junior and DeWayne Lepley, all of Ashley; four sisters, Wanita Lagtmeyer of Fremont, Sharon Miller of Pleasant Lake, Joyce Meyers of Rocky River, Ohio, and Karen Dilley of Monticello; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one great-grandchild.

A private family graveside service will be conducted in Circle Cemetery of Hudson.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Ashley United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Clarence Brown

AUBURN — Clarence E. Brown, 76, of Auburn died Saturday, July 30, 2005, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown worked at Dana Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1978. He then worked for Green Grow Lawn Care and DeKalb Agra. For the past 10 years, he worked for the City of Auburn Electric Department.

A member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 566 for

member of the Moose Lodge's bowling league for a number of years. He was a 30-year member of UAW Local 164. He attended Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn. He enjoyed camping and fishing.

He was born June 25, 1929, in Waterloo to Elsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown. His parents preceded him in death.

On Jan. 15, 1949, in Indianapolis, he married Glenna Snyder. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon Pepple and Cindy and Mike Stafford, all of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael L. and Linda Brown of Auburn; two brothers, Edwin Brown of Auburn and Richard Brown of Butler; four sisters, Luella Aschleman and Geraldine Clark, both of Auburn, and Norma Dickison and Sue Bock, both of Garrett; a brother-in-law and his wife, Max and Brenda Snyder of Lugoff, S.C.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Brad and Bettina Pepple, Andrew and Nicole Pepple, Rhonda and Dan Brooks, Angie Parsons, Dan Freed, Ben and Jessica Brown and Travis Brown; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Steven L. Brown; one daughter, Linda J. Brown; a son-in-law, Galen Pepple; and two brothers, Clyde Brown and Howard Brown.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. A Loyal Order of Moose service will be conducted Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Auburn.

Betty Jo Harmon

FORT WAYNE — Betty Jo Harmon, 80, died Sunday, July 31, 2005, at Heritage Park Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Beaumont, Texas, she was a treasurer for Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community Schools. She was a member of Tri-Kappa and Auburn Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Peggy Stone of Warsaw, Joe and Martha Harmon of Fort Wayne and Steve and Mary Lou Harmon of Rochester, N.Y.; a daughter and son-in-law, Tonya and Tad Dickerson of South Bend; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna and Ray Nash of West Columbia, Texas, and Johnnie and R.T. Graham of Converse, La.; 14 grandchildren; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer L.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Auburn Baptist Church, 500 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Baptist Church.

Marjorie Sanxter

DENVER — Marjorie Hersh Sanxter, 81, died May 14, 2005, in Denver.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Sheryl and John Pataluna of Aurora, Colo., Lisa Sanxter of Aurora, Belinda Martin of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Diedre and Dennis Isherwood of Westbrook, Maine, and Lori and Tom Williams of Meadow Vista, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Phyllis Sanxter of Macclenny, Fla.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Miriam Buckles of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents, Wallace and Celia Marie (Ten Eyck) Hersh; two brothers, Wallace "Tony" and Robert Hersh; and in-laws Shirley and Eula (Teegardin) Sanxter.

Private services will be held in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 2480 W. 26th Ave., Suite 120-B, Denver, CO 80211.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Irene Odenkirk

AUBURN — Irene D. Odenkirk, 94, of Auburn died Friday, July 29, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Odenkirk

Mrs. Odenkirk was employed at Auburn Rubber Co. for 11 years and Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett for 27 years.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and a former recipient of the Farmer of the Year award.

She was born Feb. 26, 1911, in DeKalb County to John and Sarah (Peters) Dannenburg.

She married James "Jim" Odenkirk in November 1940. He preceded her in death Dec. 12, 1964.

Surviving are three grandchildren, Robert Brownell of Jacksonville, Fla., Ann Barth of Kimmell and Amy Antrup of Waterloo; one sister, Gladys Klausing of Garrett; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Mary Lou Brownell; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling took place Monday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

David Pfefferkorn

MARTIN CITY, Mont. — David Lee Pfefferkorn, 48, of Martin City died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in White Fish, Mont.

Mr. Pfefferkorn

He worked for Valley Weed Management in Montana and also had worked in construction throughout his life. He loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and mushroom hunter.

He was born Feb. 10, 1957, in Garrett. His parents, Ralph Pfefferkorn and Donna (Freeman) Aldrich King, preceded him in death.

Surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Dalene Pfefferkorn of Hamilton, Tom and Maribeth Aldrich of Hicksville, Ohio, and Keith and Beth Aldrich of Waterloo; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Daniel Walker of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Alice Pfefferkorn of Waterloo and Karen Tomell of Huson, Mont.; his stepfather, Loran King of Butler; 14 nieces and nephews; and 18 great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard Pfefferkorn, Lawrence Pfefferkorn and Charles Ray Aldrich; and a stepfather, Charles Thomas Aldrich.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association.

Vallis Whitaker

FREMONT — Vallis Whitaker, 57, died Sunday, July 31, 2005, at Harborside Nursing Home in New Haven.

He was born April 17, 1948, in Plainwell, Mich., to Ellis and Nora Davis Whitaker, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Whitaker had worked at G&S Abrasive in Angola. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by two sons, Glenn Jake Whitaker of Camden, Mich., and Brian Scott Whitaker of Waterloo; two stepsons, Donnie Henderson and Roy Henderson, both of Angola; three daughters, Tammy Lynn Frost and Tanicka Shawn Whitaker, both of Waterloo, and April Val Whitaker of Angola; a stepdaughter, Becky Wilcox of Angola; three brothers, Phil Whitaker of Cincinnati, Ohio, Paul Whitaker of Pleasant Lake and Glenn Whitaker of Fremont; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Vallis Paul Whitaker; four sisters, Bernadine Mulligan, Jeanne Sincox, Lois Whitaker and Joyce Whitaker; and a grandchild.

There will be no services or calling.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Donald Kummer

MUNCIE — Donald E. Kummer, 85, died in the afternoon on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, at the Waters of Yorktown Nursing Home following an extended illness.

Mr. Kummer

Mr. Kummer was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II aboard the USS James Barber. He was retired from Beckett Bronze Machine Shop following more than 50 years of service. He was a past member of the Moose Lodge and belonged to the Loon Lake Association of Columbia City for 35 years and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

He was born on Dec. 15, 1919, in Wells County to Samuel and Clarissa Kummer.

He is survived by a son, Martin Kummer of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and James Hutson of Gaston; a granddaughter, Kristina Hutson of Muncie; a special niece and her husband, Betty and John Burch of Muncie; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Norma Collett of Noblesville and Maxine and Robert Foltz of Muncie; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wayne and Fern Kummer of Dunkirk and Robert and Ann Kummer of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virginia Kummer; five sisters, Thelma Kauffman, Edna Tschannen, Mary Chenoweth, Goldie Wagner and Betty Kummer; and five brothers, Earl Kummer, James Kummer, Lester Kummer, William Kummer and Kenneth Kummer.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 North S.R. 3, Muncie. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery with military burial rites by the Delaware County Veterans Honor Guard.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation through the funeral home.

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Marjorie Hippensteel

AUBURN — Marjorie Jane Hippensteel, 66, died Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Auburn, she was employed at Rieke Corp. for 17 years. She was a 1957 graduate of Auburn High School.

She is survived by two daughters, LeeAnn Hines and Susan Grimm, both of Auburn; a son, Greg Hippensteel of South Whitley; nine grandchildren, Allison E. Hines, Abigail B. Hines, David M. Hines, Emily E. Grimm, Alexander R. Poff and Hailey N. Poff, all of Auburn, Katherine E. Hippensteel, Laura M. Hippensteel and Rachel A. Hippensteel, all of South Whitley.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Larry.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Lorene Snelling

FORT WAYNE — Lorene M. Snelling, 88, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a longtime active member of the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn, where she helped in the food bank.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas J. Snelling of Fort Wayne and James L. Snelling of Spencerville; five grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Joy Shepler of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, John L. Snelling, in 2001; an infant daughter; and three brothers, Glenn, Hubert and Earl Stuckey.

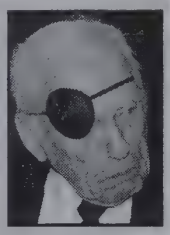
Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.C. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God food bank.

Ray Condon

ANGOLA — Ray A. Condon, 86, of Angola died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab Center in Angola.


Mr. Condon

He was a former English teacher in Quincy, Mich., and in the Angola public schools, and was professor emeritus at Tri-State University, where he taught 15 years.

Mr. Condon was a founding member and long associated with the Steuben Community Theatre. He directed and starred in many local productions, with appearances with Auburn, Hamilton and Angola theater groups. He was recently recognized by Angola Mayor Richard Hickman for his contributions to the arts and humanities of Steuben County.

He was born March 7, 1919, in Parker to Ray I. and Helen (Arbogast) Condon.

Surviving are a brother, Sanford Condon of Inverness, Fla.; three nieces; and a nephew.

There is no calling or services.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Memorials are to the Steuben Community Theatre.

William Kasinger

AUBURN — William H. Kasinger, 85, died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in Morgantown, Ky., he was employed with County Line Cheese for 27 years and was a member of Auburn Baptist Church.

Mr. Kasinger

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth E. and Susan Kasinger of Auburn; three stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Billy L. and Regina Pogue, Leonard D. and Susan Pogue and Richard D. Pogue, all of Auburn; six grandchildren, Brandon T. Kasinger, Nathan M. Kasinger and Erin L. Handshoe, all of Auburn, Kasey M. Pogue of Garrett and Leighann M. Pogue and Brittney M. Pogue, both of Auburn; two great-grandchildren, Emma Handshoe and Morgan Handshoe, both of Auburn; and three sisters, Letha Cardwell and Nell Gray, both of Bowling Green, Ky., and Laura B. Snodgrass of Morgantown, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Agnes (Hogan) Kasinger, a brother, Erdist Kasinger and a sister, Goldie N. Renfrow.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auburn Baptist Church, 500 W. Ensley Ave. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., and Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Baptist Church or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Richard Korff

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Richard L. Korff, 65, of Hicksville died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Korff owned and operated Farmers Insurance Agency from 1970 until his retirement in July 2004. Prior to that, he worked with his parents and brother on the family farm. He served in the Army National Guard and was a member of Auburn Elks Lodge.

He was born Feb. 27, 1940, in Waterloo to Virgil and Bertha (Bowman) Korff. They preceded him in death. He married Marsha A. Knight on Sept. 7, 1997, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. She survives.

He also is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Trish Korff of Fort Wayne and Donna Korff-Baker and Tom Baker of Atlanta; a son, Allan Fulk of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Michelle Chagoya of Kendallville, Dawn Stabler of Hicksville and Angela Vandenburg of New Haven; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Pat Korff of Greenfield, Ind.; seven stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Michael.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be two hours prior to services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Defiance County Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice.

Lois Fulk

CROMWELL — Lois L. Fulk, 69, formerly of Knapp Lake died at 6:10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she was admitted two weeks ago.

She was employed at West Noble Daycare for six years. Prior to that, she worked at Rinker's Variety Store in North Webster for a year and Ligonier Health Facility for a year.

Mrs. Fulk

She was born Sept. 19, 1935, in Whitley County to Raymond W. and Bertha Irene (Main) Shank. Her formative years were spent in Whitley County, and she was educated in the Churubusco schools. In 1965, she moved to Noble County. In 1976, she moved to Harper Lake. In 1990, she moved to Knapp Lake. Most recently, she had been a resident at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City since Jan. 28.

She was affiliated with Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam and was a member of American Legion Post 253 Auxiliary in North Webster and V.F.W. Auxiliary in Syracuse.

She is survived by two sons, Alfred L. Cripe Jr. of Kiowa, Okla., and David L. Fulk of Coos Bay, Ore.; two daughters, Anita M. Fletcher of Hudson, Fla., and Lora J. Stump of Kendallville; six grandchildren; a brother, Roy S. Shank of Auburn; two sisters, Bertha M. Rhodes of Battle Creek, Mich., and Dorothy J. Cagle of Butler; and her dog, Pokey.

There will be no services. Burial will be at a later date in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family on the funeral home Web site, www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to give the correct day of calling.*

Lois Fulk

CROMWELL — Lois L. Fulk, 69, formerly of Knapp Lake died at 6:10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she was admitted two weeks ago.

Mrs. Fulk

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There will be no services. Burial will be at a later date in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family on the funeral home Web site, www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Walter Rinehold

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Walter C. Rinehold, 95, of Leo-Cedarville died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, at The Cedars.

Mr. Rinehold was an assembler at Tokheim Corp. for 25 years. He was a member of the Grabill Church and the Tokheim Quarter Century Club.

He was born Oct. 8, 1909, in DeKalb County.

He is survived by a sister, Mildred Brown of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Mildred Robison of Leo; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris, in 2002.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Grabill Church building fund.

Dallas Emberlin

FORT WAYNE — Dallas Ray Emberlin, 85, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Bluffton died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 39 years. In his younger years, he toured with the Paul Whitman Band as a drummer.

Mr. Emberlin was a graduate of Central High School, where he was valedictorian. He was a World War II Navy veteran, serving on the U.S.S. Fabius.

He is survived by two daughters, Vickie Workman of Auburn and Sherri Bailey of Fort Wayne; grandchildren Tim Bailey, Betsy Bailey-Mayden, Jack Workman, Tracy Workman, Tony Workman, Jade Workman, Kal Workman and Julie Croucher; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Margie Larenz of Texas; two brothers, Joe Emberlin of Arizona and William Emberlin of California; and a longtime companion, Esther Nibblick and family of Bluffton.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Georgianna; a granddaughter, Michelle Bailey; a grandson, Chad Workman; a twin brother, Delphos Emberlin; two other brothers, Chuck and Jerry Emberlin; and a sister, Marian Dirrim.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

James David

AUBURN — James R. David, 59, of Auburn died Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. David had worked for Stadler-Wayne Inc. of Fort Wayne, then worked the past 18 years for Nucor Building Systems in Swansea, S.C.

He formerly was a member of the Waterloo Fire Department for 17 years and coached Little League baseball in Waterloo for 12 years.

He was born Aug. 3, 1946, in DeKalb County to Cecil and Mable (Mann) David. His father survives in Auburn. His mother preceded him in death.

He married Krisann (Grandstaff) David on Dec. 31, 1984, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jason David of Waterloo and Ryan David of Butler; two daughters, Debra Squier of Waterloo and Suzanne Fritz of Largo, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Amanda Andreas of Auburn; one sister, Jeanette Salinas of Butler; two nephews, Tony Salinas of Butler and Sonny Salinas of Angola; and seven grandchildren, Trey Squier, Lee Fritz, Derrick David, Jakob Fritz, Jonathan David, Matthew David and Hailey Andreas.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Cancer Association, 1234 Sherman Ave., Suite 203, Evanston, IL 60206.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct errors.*

Richard Hilton

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Richard Douglas "Doug" Hilton, 58, of Buckeye died Saturday, July 30, 2005, at his home in the company of his wife and dogs.

He grew up on his family's farm outside Angola and attended Scott Center School before graduating from Angola High School in 1965. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1970 on the USS Fremont and the USS Spiegel Grove.

He moved to Buckeye in 1985. That same year, he took a job as a press operator for Standard Printing Co. of Phoenix. He was an avid woodworker and rock collector and enjoyed both hobbies with his wife. He also participated in local arts and crafts shows.

He was born Oct. 11, 1946, in Garrett to Karl Devon and Helen LaVon (Morse) Hilton. On June 7, 1969, he married Linda Ann Wheeler in Arlington Heights, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are his parents in Angola; a sister, Karyl Penix of Angola; a brother, Lynn of Seattle; a son, Kevin of Chandler; a daughter, Rachel Marken of Kenvil, N.J.; and two grandsons, Andrew James, born March 13, 2005, and Elliot Douglas, born July 29, 2005.

A memorial service for friends and family members is planned for the fall.

Goldie Jorn

KENDALLVILLE — Goldie B. Jorn of Kendallville died Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Jorn was a homemaker.

She was born in Kendallville to Jim "Elmer" Gillespie and Ella May (Strouse) Gillespie.

She married Fred S. Jorn on Oct. 1, 1937. He preceded her in death in 1957.

She is survived by a daughter, Etta Mae Havert of Orange City, Fla.; 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Arthur W. Jorn and Fred A. Jorn; two daughters, Clara B. Marten and Goldie B. Bolen; three brothers, Arthur William Gillespie, Leonard Gillespie and Roland H. Gillespie; and a sister, Lucile May McClellan.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Terry Boger

AUBURN — Terry L. Boger, 46, of Auburn died Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Boger was born Aug. 8, 1959, in Auburn to Clarence A. and Jane (Dickson) Boger. He worked for Custom Lights of Garrett.

He is survived by two brothers, Jerry L. Boger of Garrett and Kim A. Boger of Waterloo; two sisters, Deborah J. Leon and Tina L. Clair, both of Auburn; six nieces; three nephews; one great-niece; and three great-nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at McComb, Dilgard & Kline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. O. Dale Williams officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Good Samaritan Center of DeKalb County.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Wanda Myers

WATERLOO — Wanda M. Myers, 87, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Myers

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker and farmer's wife. She was a member of Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She loved to garden and tend to her flowers. Crocheting was her hobby and specialty.

She was born Jan. 24, 1918, in Jamestown in Steuben County to Ernest and Leona (Wilcox) Munger. They preceded her in death.

On Jan. 28, 1934, in Nevada Hills, she married Raymond O. Myers. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1985.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard W. and Pamela Myers of Spencerville, Leonard "Len" R. Myers of Angola and Dewight F. and Betty Myers of Waterloo; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ronda W. and Howard Egly of Waterloo, Gloria S. Myers of Waterloo and Karen J. and Jim Days of Ashley; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley A. and Lawrence Wooster of Orland; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Daniel E. Days; a brother, Roland Munger; and a sister, Juanita Jackson.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rick Pettys will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church near Ashley.

Donald Osbun

AUBURN — Donald Clyde Osbun, 85, formerly of Butler died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Osbun worked as a heavy equipment operator and truck driver for the DeKalb County Highway Department for 25 years, retiring in 1974. He attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and was a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He was born July 16, 1920, in DeKalb County to Clyde J. Osbun and Lillie Mary (Rohm) Osbun. They preceded him in death.

He married Irene Lucille Weinhold on Nov. 14, 1942, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 2001.

He is survived by a son and his wife, Donald L. and Linda Dunn of North Carolina; a daughter and son-in-law, Nettie and Dale Goings of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Lester Osbun of Auburn and Everett and Martha Osbun of Churubusco; three granddaughters and their husbands, Diana and John Manon of Waterloo, Marlene and Brian Hocutt of Willow Springs, N.C., and Donna and Matt Garman of Waterloo; three grandsons and their wives, Bob and Pattie Goings of Kendallville, Mike and Julie Vanderpool of Waterloo and Ben Osbun of Willow Springs, N.C.; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Clifford, Raymond, Irvin and Chester Osbun.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the central nurses' station at Betz Nursing Home.

Martin Christlieb

ANGOLA — Martin E. Christlieb, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Christlieb

Mr. Christlieb was born Oct. 5, 1917, in Noble County to Oscar and Marie (Wood) Christlieb. He was married to Bonnie Husselman on June 18, 1940 in Auburn. She survives.

He was a farmer all his life, and he and his wife were custodians for 50 years at the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church. He was also a school bus driver for 20 years for Orland and Prairie Heights schools. He was the former owner of the Marathon gas station in Orland and was a mechanic at Ford Tractor Sales in Auburn and at Fremont Equipment.

He was a member and bell ringer at the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Allen Spade of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Linda Christlieb of Angola; four sisters, Martha Howey of Hamilton, Ruby Whittington of Butler, Mary Schick of Angola and Lulubelle Sutton of Orland; a brother, Delbert Christlieb of Toledo, Ohio; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beulah Stayer; a brother, Oscar Charles Christlieb; and a granddaughter, Andrea Spade.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

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Donald Osbun

AUBURN — Donald Clyde Osbun, 85, formerly of Butler died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

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He was born July 16, 1920, in DeKalb County to Clyde J. Osbun and Lillie Mary (Rohm) Osbun. They preceded him in death.

He married Irene Lucille Weinhold on Nov. 14, 1942, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 2001.

He is survived by a son and his wife, Donald L. and Linda Osbun of Dunn, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Nettie and Dale Goings of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Lester Osbun of Auburn and Everett and Martha Osbun of Churubusco; three granddaughters and their husbands, Diana and John Manon of Waterloo, Marlene and Brian Hocutt of Willow Springs, N.C., and Donna and Matt Garman of Waterloo; three grandsons and their wives, Bob and Pattie Goings of Kendallville, Mike and Julie Vanderpool of Waterloo and Ben Osbun of Willow Springs, N.C.; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Clifford, Raymond, Irvin and Chester Osbun.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the central nurses' station at Betz Nursing Home.

Carson Tucker

FORT WAYNE — Carson "Dike" Tucker, 89, died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, at Heritage Park Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Warsaw, he was a trucker with Konisha Transport, retiring in 1980.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1946. He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1933.

He is survived by a sister, Carol Jensen of Harlan; two nieces, Sherry L. Tucker of Corunna and Vivian Himelick of Connersville; five nephews, Terry Tucker of Huntertown, Larry Jensen of Kendallville, Jim Jensen of Fort Wayne, Carl Jensen of Huntertown and Bill Jensen of Harlan; and great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cooney Tucker and Howard Tucker; and a sister, Dorothy Sanders.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Huntertown Fire Department, P.O. Box 421, Huntertown, IN 46748.

Katherine Woods

HOMER, Mich. — Katherine Irene Woods, 84, of Homer died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, in Homer.

Mrs. Woods was born July 25, 1921, in McGuffy, Harden County, Ohio, to Walker and Alka (Fraley) Birchfield. She married Rolland George Woods Sr. on Aug. 5, 1939. He preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1982.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Red Hat Societies in Albion, Mich., and Homer. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, walking and senior activities.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon Cornell and Jim Risner of Parma; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rolland Woods of Parma, John and Sharon Woods of Albion and Steven and Lisa Woods of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Lucille Dudek of Fayetteville, N.C., and Shirley and Fred Dale of Coldwater; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Monroe Collins officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Memorials are to Hospice of Jackson and Oaklawn.

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Frances Farrell

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Frances Hoff Piatek Miller Farrell, 91, formerly of Waterloo died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, in Costa Mesa.

She was born April 18, 1914, in Waterloo to Christian Hoff and Louise Adler Hoff.

She graduated from high school at St. Catherine's Academy in Fort Wayne and received her registered nurse degree from St. Catherine's Hospital Nursing School in East Chicago, Ind. She practiced hospital nursing in St. Catherine's in East Chicago, in Dr. Bonnell Souder's and DeKalb Memorial hospitals in Auburn. She worked as an industrial nurse with Dana Corp. in Auburn and as a nurse with many private patients throughout her 47-year career. Before her retirement in 1981, she was an administrator and supervisor at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She delivered many babies, nursed many patients and assisted with the annual Red Cross blood drives. She was known for her optimism and keen sense of humor.

She relocated in 1988 to Sacramento, where she enjoyed tutoring Russian immigrants in English, participating in her retirement community's fashion shows and social activities and traveling in California and to Hawaii. In 2001, she moved to Costa Mesa. At the time of her death she was residing in Autumn Years, a Alzheimer's nursing community. She had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for many years, and her death was caused by complications from the disease.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia P. and Stewart Clark and Constance M. and Kent Foley; two sons and daughters-in-law, John J. and Sara Piatek and Eugene S. and Sheron Piatek; a granddaughter Lisa Piatek Williams; six grandsons, Daniel Piatek, David Piatek, John Piatek, Nolan Piatek, Jackson Foley and Daniel Foley; five great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; four stepdaughters and their husbands, Betty Smith, Josephine and Kenneth Riddle, Mary and Doyne Ferris and Phyllis and Maynard "Mike" Hartman; a stepson and his wife, Frank "Pete" and Shirley Miller; and many stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Rosella Bowman, Amelia Schoenle and Irene Pasmann; three brothers, Rudolph Hoff, Eugene Hoff and Albert Hoff; a son, Thomas R. Piatek; and three husbands, Stanley D. Piatek, Frederick B. Miller and Andrew A. Farrell.

Services will be Friday, Aug. 19, at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and at the church one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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August 14 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Mr. Condon was man of great talent

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Ray Condon may be gone, but with his talents, he left his mark all over Steuben County.

Condon, a well-known local actor and teacher who is credited as one of the founders of the Steuben County Community Theater, died Aug. 4. He was 86.

"I worked with him on a couple of productions," said Angola Mayor Dick Hickman. "He also got an ensemble together and we'd do Christmas programs and things like that for a while. He was quite a guy, to say the least."

Mr. Condon had done some entertaining over the years at the Steuben County Council on Aging.

"He was a great friend to the council and will be sadly missed," said Betty Bemesderfer, activities director at the COA.

Condon's contributions toward bringing culture to the Steuben County area can be traced back to the 1950s and well through the 1980s. During those decades, he used his personal friendships with many of the best tri-state artists to bring their exhibits into the community. The Hoosier Art Salon was among the many art shows and exhibits he brought to the area.

Condon not only appreciated art, he could produce it himself. One of his creations is on display at Tri-State University's Taylor Hall.

Condon was honored for his contributions to Steuben County Theatre in March 2002, when he received the second annual Angola Mayor's Arts and Humanities Award. He handled accepting the award with grace and humility.

"If I have contributed to this community, I swear I never thought it was a contribution. I did what I did because I like it," he said at the award ceremony.

ANDY BARRAND

Ray Condon, center, received the Mayor's Arts and Humanities Award in 2002. Betty Selman and Angola Mayor Dick Hickman presented the award to him. The annual award recognizes long-term service to the community in arts or humanities. It was instituted by the late Angola Mayor Edwin "Bill" Selman Jr. as one of his last official acts.

During his tenure with SCCT, Condon was involved with more than 80 productions. He served in actor (including many lead roles), director and producer capacities.

He played a diverse group of roles over the years in well-known plays such as "The Subject Was Roses," "On Golden Pond," "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

He was also seen in popular musicals like "My Fair Lady," "The King and I," "Oliver!," "Gigi," "Fiddler on the Roof," "The Pajama Game" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

He played the lead role of John Adams in a bicentennial production of "1776" that drew a capacity crowd to DeKalb High School's auditorium three nights in a row.

Condon was well-known as a teacher. He taught English, speech and theater at the high school and university levels for several decades, and performed in and directed Tri-State University Drama Club productions.

His one-man show as Mark Twain became one of the earliest productions in TSU's Wells Theater. He also wrote, produced and performed musical comedy revues at local festivals, fairs and nursing homes.

After he retired from teaching, Mr. Condon started writing limericks (mostly clean ones, he said when he was asked about it during a January 2003 interview).

As much of a performer and talker as Ray Condon was, he was also interested in what others had to say.

"I just love people who have something to say and are into spreading it around," he said in 2003.

Hickman said he sometimes thought someone with Mr. Condon's abilities and charisma would have done well somewhere larger than Angola.

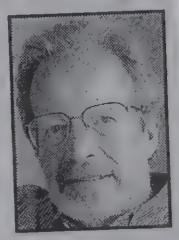
"He probably should have been in a bigger city with his talent," Hickman said. "But he was here and he loved it."

Hickman said Ray Condon's personal fountain of youth was being onstage.

"Once he got there, he was 10 or 15 years younger," Hickman said with a chuckle. "Once he got up in front of the crowd."

Bob Sbarge

AUBURN — A celebration of life memorial service for Bob Sbarge will be Monday, Sept. 5, from 1 p.m. to approximately 4 p.m. in Willennar Hall of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.


Mr. Sbarge

Mr. Sbarge, 68, of Auburn died Friday, July 15, 2005. He had retired after serving as president and chief executive officer of the museum for 12 years.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society for Pancreatic Research in care of Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo IN 46793, or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Nellie Derrow

AUBURN — Nellie O. Derrow, 78, of Auburn died Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at 9 p.m. in Wesley Health Care of Auburn.

She worked at Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in Auburn for 27 years. She loved to quilt and sew.

Mrs. Derrow was born Feb. 8, 1927, in Auburn to Charles T. and Florence (Smith) Bennett. They preceded her in death.

She married Guy Edward Derrow in Auburn on Feb. 9, 1946. He died Feb. 24, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia K. and Darrell Hulbert of Butler and Diane and Michael Heffley of Auburn; two sisters, JoAnna Emshewiller of Muncie and Phyllis Sullivan of Auburn; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Ethel Mae Bennett, and a great-grandson.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice and Southern Care and the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Lamar Bailey

AUBURN — Lamar "Bud" Bailey, 85, of Auburn died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at 9:40 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

He worked at Rieke Corp. until his retirement in 1982. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Japan and the Philippines. He was a former member of the Auburn Elks and Moose lodges.

Mr. Bailey was born July 24, 1920, in DeKalb County to Arthur and Beulah (Morr) Bailey.

His wife, Jean (Brown) Bailey, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Georgia and Daniel Heiman of McClish Lake; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Lisa and Buck Collins of Auburn; three stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Gary and Asonya Brown of Grandview Heights, Ohio, Monte and Mona Brown of Spencerville and Les Brown of St. Joe; a brother, Arthur Bailey of Auburn; two grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Elizabeth Bailey; and a stepdaughter, Dawn Brown.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church of Auburn or the DeKalb Humane Shelter at Butler.

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Henry Woodruff III

AUBURN — Henry Woodruff III, 55, of Auburn died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Woodruff had worked as an auditor and certified public accountant for Defense Contract Audit Agency, an agency of the Department of Defense, in Fort Wayne since 1989.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 31, 1949, in Ypsilanti, Mich., to Harry H. and Dorothy (Schweiger) Woodruff. They preceded him in death.

He married Pamela K. Swope on Oct, 7, 1972, in Ypsilanti. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Neil C. and Amanda Woodruff of Clarkston, Mich.; a daughter, Jennifer M. Woodruff of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Patricia Dusseau of Sturgis, Mich., and Ted and Alafair Dusseau of Ypsilanti; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Bill and Nancy Swope of Adrian, Mich., and Pete and Sue Swope of Milan, Mich.; a sister-in-law and her husband, Pat and Bob Kulhanek of Ypsilanti; his mother-in-law, Stella Swope of Ypsilanti; and several cousins, aunts, nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will begin Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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August 16 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Lawrence Wolff

AUBURN — Lawrence M. Wolff, 69, of Auburn died Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Wolff was a train conductor on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, retiring in 1984.

He was a U.S. Army military police veteran, serving in the Korean conflict. He was a member of American Legion Post 1070 in Thornton, Ill., and was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and Bears.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1954.

He was born Jan. 6, 1936, in Harvey, Ill., to George and Esther (Bruegman) Wolff. They preceded him in death.

He married Rebecca S. Kruger on Oct. 8, 1999. She survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Nany Klein of Bicknell; a cousin, Gene Bruegman and his wife, Carol, of Thornton; four stepdaughters and their husbands, Laura and Dennis Eckert of Auburn, Jennifer and John Antrup of Auburn, Amy and Paul Pierce of McClish Lake and Molly and Gus Morrow of Garrett; his mother-in-law, Betty Welch of Kendallville; several nieces and nephews; six stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Gerald A. Wolff Sr.; and his first wife, Judith (Karney) Wolff.

Services will be held at a later date at Homewood Memorial Gardens in Homewood, Ill.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn and the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Wilma Bicknell

HUNTINGTON — Wilma Grace Bicknell, 68, of Huntington died Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005, at 4:45 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington.

Mrs. Bicknell was a former certified nurse's assistant in Gainesville, Fla., and also had worked at the YMCA in Marion.

She graduated from Elkhart High School in 1954 and was a 1982 graduate of Dorsey Business College in Trenton, Mich.

A resident of Huntington since 2001, she was a member of the Faith Community Church of God in Huntington. She was a former resident of North Manchester.

She was born Nov. 21, 1936, in Concord Township, Elkhart County to Annon J. Miller and Cathleene (Neely) Dunn.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Chuck and Karen Harris of Markle, Daniel Lee and Dawn Harris of Auburn and Keith and Jeanette Harris of Claypool; a brother, Annon Miller of Mishawaka; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Rinke and Allene Reaves.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington, with the Rev. Stephen Stull officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Elkhart.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at Bailey-Love Mortuary.

Memorials are to Cancer Services for Huntington County or Faith Community Church of God, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Condolences may be left online at www.baileylove.com.

William Pepple

BRYAN, Ohio — William Stanley "Stan" Pepple Sr., 82, of Bryan died Monday, Aug. 15, 2005, from complications during the treatment of leukemia.

Mr. Pepple was a well-known businessman in northwest Ohio. He owned auto dealerships in Hicksville and Bryan and was a former teacher in Butler.

He was active in business and civic affairs and had served on the board of directors of First National Bank of Northwest Ohio and MidAm Inc.

Mr. Pepple was a native of LaOtto.

Mr. Pepple was an exceptional athlete. He started as a freshman on the Avilla High School basketball team, and he and his two younger brothers led the Panthers to the regional finals.

After enrolling on an athletic scholarship at Manchester College in 1941, he enlisted in the Navy following Pearl Harbor and graduated from officer school at New York's Columbia University in 1942.

In 1944, while on leave from the Navy, he married his high school sweetheart, Loella Grawcock.

He was discharged from the Navy in 1946 and completed his college degree at Manchester College. He then began teaching and coaching at Butler.

Mr. Pepple was called back to the Navy during the Korean War and continued his service in the Naval Reserves, ultimately retiring with the rank of commander.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Jane and Rob McMaster of Columbus, Janet Yoder of New York City, Judy and Bill Greffin of Oak Park, Ill., and Joyce Pepple of Indianapolis; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Kim Pepple of Bryan and Scott and Bronwyn Pepple of Oak Park; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Pauline Leiter and Ilene Young; and two brothers, Harold and Merle Pepple.

Services will be at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bryan. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) Friday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church or the Stan and Loella Pepple Scholarship Fund in care of The Bryan Area Foundation, P.O. Box 651, Bryan, Ohio 43506.

Richard Johnston

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Richard L. Johnston, 72, of Traverse City died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at Hospice House in Traverse City.

Mr. Johnston was an avid Detroit Lions fan and also enjoyed NASCAR and John Wayne films.

He was born Aug. 10, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Harry and Lucile (Frankfather) Johnston.

He married Virginia Hissong on June 30, 1953. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Barry of Traverse City, Brian of Maple City and Michael of Sparta; two daughters, Cheryl of Sparta and Karen of Grand Rapids; his mother, Lucile Newlin of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Annette and Dean Woodard of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

No services or calling were announced.

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S. Lee Strebig

SPENCERVILLE — S. Lee Strebig, 67, of Spencerville died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Strebig worked as a truck driver for the DeKalb County Highway Department for 22 years, retiring April 16, 2002. He also had worked for Laub's Farm.

He was born July 4, 1938, in Spencerville to Charles S. and Doris J. (Baughman) Strebig. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Dick and Patty Betz of Grabill.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in White City Cemetery at Spencerville, with Pastor Paul Row officiating. The family requests casual dress at the service.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, is handling arrangements.

Frances Farrell

WATERLOO — Services for Frances Hoff Farrell, 91, formerly of Waterloo will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Mrs. Farrell died Aug. 6, 2005, in Costa Mesa, Calif. A complete obituary appeared in our Aug. 12 edition.

John Bellows

AVILLA — John V. Bellows, 82, of Avilla died Friday, Aug. 19, 2005, at 5:45 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Bellows worked for El Paco Paint in Elkhart for 15 years and then for Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 25 years, retiring in 1988. He was a World War II Army veteran. He graduated from Bristol High School in 1941.

He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Garrett Eagles.

He was born June 13, 1923, in Cass County, Mich., to Chester B. and Margaret (Wolgamood) Bellows. They preceded him in death.

He married Veda M. Baysinger Freeman on July 23, 1961, in Garrett, and she survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a two stepdaughters, Janice Freeman Christlieb and her husband, Lee Christlieb, of Avilla, and Patricia Freeman Bock and her companion, Bob Leas, of Garrett; a sister, Inez Griffin of Gillette, Wyo.; five grandchildren, Daren Christlieb and his companion, Kimberly Porter, of Avilla, Joni Christlieb and her fiance, Matt Blomeke, of Avilla, Dina Drerup Teders and her husband, Scott Teders, of Avilla, Brian Bock and his companion, Karen Butler, of Garrett, and Adam Bock of Avilla; several nieces and nephews; nine great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Bellows and Burt Bellows, and two sisters, Jeanette Garl and Grace Kess.

A graveside memorial service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Embrey Cemetery of rural Garrett, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Memorial Hospice Education Fund, DeKalb Memorial Hospice Volunteer Services or DeKalb County 4-H.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

John Wilges

WINFIELD, Ala. — John Allen "Zeke" Wilges, 69, of Winfield, Ala., died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at Fayette Medical Center, Fayette, Ala.

Mr. Wilges was born Dec. 18, 1935, to Samuel and Sabrina (Casperson) Wilges of Lima, Ohio. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve and Beth Wilges of Pleasant Lake and Michael Wilges of Fayette, Ala.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lynda and Henry Stewart of Glen Allen, Ala., and Susan and Glenn Lee of Carrolton, Ala.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Judy Wilges of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Ben Kelly of Spencerville, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a son, David Wayne Wilges.

Graveside services are today at 1 p.m. at Glen Allen United Methodist Church Cemetery, Glen Allen, Ala., with Brother Truman Carter officiating.

Nelson Funeral Home of Fayette, Ala., is in charge of arrangements.

THE EVENING STAR
August 21 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Collector gathered priceless artifacts

BY BILL GISEL
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NEWVILLE — Picture Farrell Hanna as a small, barefoot boy, walking along newly-turned furrows of DeKalb County soil. His grandfather is handling the team of horses. Farrell is eyeing the moist earth, looking intently for an arrowhead or spear point.

The boy leaps and grasps another find, and his grandfather smiles approvingly. It is another Indian artifact to add to the growing collection that by the 21st century will number in the thousands.

Shirley Scott of Waterloo said she knew Mr. Hanna his entire life. "He collected from the time he was little and forever," she said. Farrell adored his grandfather, who also collected arrowheads, and "that is why he did it. He wanted to be like his grandpa," she explained.

Mr. Hanna died July 30 at the age of 95. Never married, he is survived by a brother, a sister and many nieces and nephews.

He is survived, too, by an important historical legacy: His collection of more than 1,500 American Indian artifacts — some dating to 10,000 B.C. — has been donated by Mr. Hanna to the DeKalb County Historical Society's museum in Butler.

DeKalb County's official historian, John Martin Smith, said he applauds Mr. Hanna's generosity and the fact that Mr. Hanna wanted the artifacts to remain in DeKalb County, where he collected them over a period of nine decades along the St. Joseph River and on the family farm east of Newville.

"If they had gone to the state or some national museum, they would have been locked in drawers and never seen by the public," Smith said. "They came from DeKalb County, and they mean something here. Here, they can be seen and appreciated."

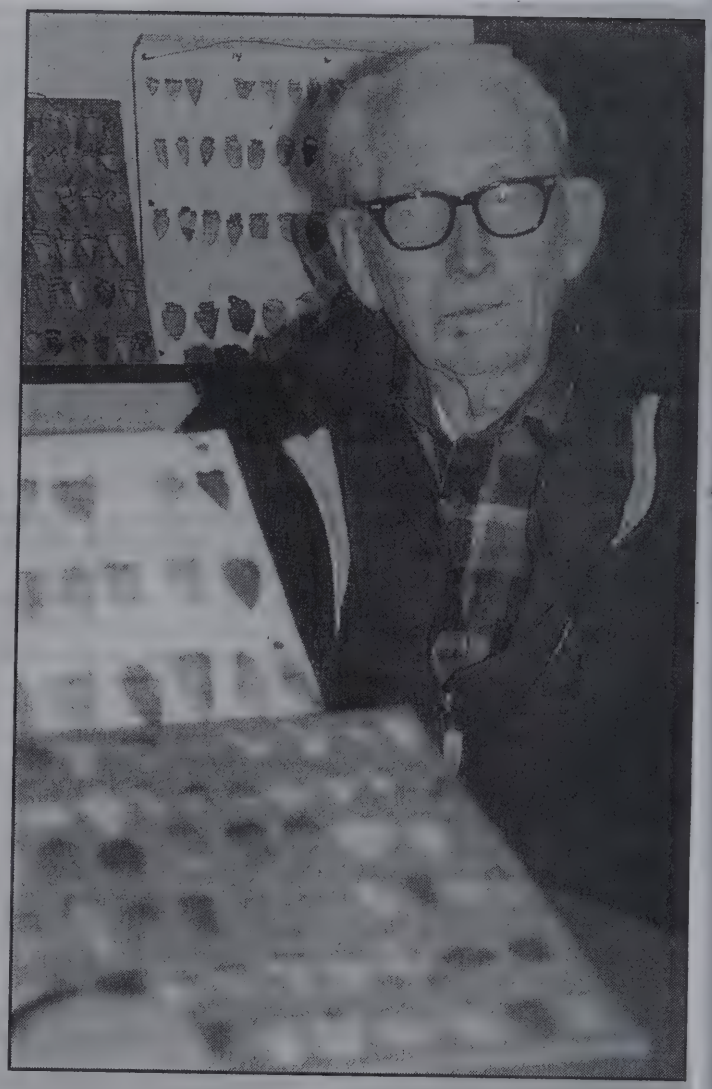
In a story for this newspaper earlier this year, Mr. Hanna's brother, Wayne, of Hamilton, recalled how Mr. Hanna "was always walking the river. He just snuck off and did," finding many of the artifacts in the area known as Horseshoe Bend, between Newville and Orange.

Mr. Hanna farmed with horses until 1960, and had trained the horses to plow without his guidance so that he could concentrate on watching the dirt being turned.

"Everyone wore bib overalls in those days, and he'd be dragging arrow heads out of those overalls at night" after returning from the field, Wayne Hanna recounted.

Mr. Hanna was once approached by a man from Chicago to sell his collection, but laughed it off, his brother said.

Scott said Mr. Farrell lived the last five years or so in a nursing home in Hicksville, Ohio, but he was able to see his collection safely housed at the old Carnegie Library in Butler, now the historical society's museum. An open house celebrating the Historical Society's 40th anniversary and the Butler Carnegie Library building's 90th anniversary was held July 16-17, two weeks before Mr. Hanna's death.



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Farrell Hanna poses with spear points he had collected along the St. Joseph River in DeKalb County. Some of the points are 10,000 years old. DeKalb County's official historian, John Martin Smith, said he applauds Mr. Hanna's generosity and the fact that Mr. Hanna wanted the artifacts to remain in DeKalb County. Mr. Hanna died July 30 at the age of 95.

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John Bellows

AVILLA — John V. Bellows, 82, died at 5:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, 2005, at his Avilla residence.

On June 13, 1923, in Cass County, Mich., he was born to Chester R. and Margaret (Wolgamood) Bellows. He married Veda M. Baysinger Freeman on July 23, 1951, in Garrett. She survives in Avilla.

Mr. Bellows worked for El Paco Paint in Elkhart for 15 years then Dana Corporation in Churubusco for 25 years before retiring in 1988.

He graduated from Bristol High School in 1941.

Mr. Bellows was a World War II veteran and a member of the Garrett American Legion and Eagles.

Also suriving are a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Janice Freeman and Lee Christlieb, Avilla; a stepdaughter and her companion, Patricia Freeman Beck and Bob Leas, Garrett; a sister, Inez Griffin, Gillette, N.Y.; a grandson and his wife, Daren and Kimberly Christlieb, Avilla; a granddaughter and her fiance, Joni Christlieb and Matt Blomeke, Avilla; a granddaughter and her husband, Dina Drerup and Scott Teders, Avilla; a grandson and his companion, Brian Beck and Karen Butler, Garrett; a grandson, Adam Bock, Avilla; nine great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; a step-great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two brothers Frank and Burt Bellows, and two sisters Jeanette Garl and Grace Kess.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Embrey Cemetery in rural Garrett with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating.

Military services will be by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice Education Fund, DeKalb Memorial Hospice Volunteer Services or DeKalb County 4-H.

James Provines

BUTLER — James R. Provines, 78, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at his residence.

On Oct. 10, 1926, in Butler, he was born to Milo and Lucille (Gee) Provines. He married Violet Keller in Butler on June 9, 1951. She survives.

Mr. Provines was a farmer all his life.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald James Provines and Randy Devere Provines, both of Butler; a brother, Darwin Provines, St. Joe; a sister, Melva Eakright, Butler; three grandchildren, Amanda Hubartt, and Andrew and Bryan Provines; and a great-grandchild, Violet Grace Hubartt.

His parents, a sister, Lorene Berry, and two brothers, Devere and Verl Provines preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Revs. Barb Lloyd and Don Hawver officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice or American Cancer Society.

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August 22 2005 Auburn, Indiana

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct errors.*

John Bellows

AVILLA — John V. Bellows, 82, of Avilla died Friday, Aug. 19, 2005, at 5:45 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Bellows worked for El Paco Paint in Elkhart for 15 years and then for Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 25 years, retiring in 1988. He was a World War II Army veteran. He graduated from Bristol High School in 1941.

He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Garrett Eagles.

He was born June 13, 1923, in Cass County, Mich., to Chester B. and Margaret (Wolgamood) Bellows. They preceded him in death.

He married Veda M. Baysinger Freeman on July 23, 1961, in Garrett. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a two stepdaughters, Janice Freeman Christlieb and her husband, Lee Christlieb, of Avilla, and Patricia Freeman Bock and her companion, Bob Leas, of Garrett; a sister, Inez Griffin of Gillette, Wyo.; five grandchildren, Daren Christlieb and his wife, Kimberly Christlieb, Joni Christlieb and her fiance, Matt Blomeke, Dina Drerup Teders and her husband, Scott Teders, and Adam Bock, all of Avilla, and Brian Bock and his companion, Karen Butler, of Garrett; several nieces and nephews; nine great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Bellows and Burt Bellows; and two sisters, Jeanette Garl and Grace Kess.

A graveside memorial service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Embrey Cemetery of rural Garrett, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Memorial Hospice Education Fund, DeKalb Memorial Hospice Volunteer Services or DeKalb County 4-H.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

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Eugene Hartman

AUBURN — Eugene R. Hartman, 77, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Hartman

Mr. Hartman farmed in Fairfield Township in northwestern DeKalb County and was employed at Warner Gear for 33 years before retiring in 1983. He moved to Auburn in 1992.

He was born July 30, 1928, to Russell and Mary (Freed) Hartman. His parents preceded him in death.

He graduated from Ashley High School in 1947 and served in the Army as a radio operator from 1954 to 1956 with the peacekeeping forces in Germany. He had a great love of flying, receiving his pilot's license in 1948.

Mr. Hartman was an active member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren near Ashley, where he served as deacon.

On Dec. 16, 1951, he married Mary Ellen Fennell of Howe. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Norman and Brenda Hartman; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Rick Cook and Pam and Jeff Blessinger, all of Auburn; his grandchildren, Becky and Bob Mondor, Jenny and Shawn Schwab, Stacy and Christy Hartman and Megan and Jamie Blessinger; one brother, Robert of Hudson; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

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Charles Warstler

AUBURN — Charles D. Warstler, 78, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005, at 11:03 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Warstler was a magazine photographer in Chicago for 10 years before moving to Charlevoix, Mich., to work as a painter and interior decorator for more than 30 years. He and his wife lived at Hamilton Lake from 1990 to 1999, then moved to Auburn.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He was born Nov. 26, 1926, in Garrett to Charles M. and Hattie E. (Rowlison) Warstler. They preceded him in death.

He married Rosella M. Drews on June 13, 1948, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Annabelle Seigel of Carmel and Geneva Rose of Webster, N.Y.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Mr. Warstler's brother-in-law, Richard Seigel, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Raymond Singer

ST. JOE — Raymond A. Singer, 85, of St. Joe died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005, at Parkyiew Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Singer was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556 and the Senior Center in Hicksville, Ohio.

He was born Sept. 2, 1919, in Defiance, Ohio, to John and Florence Singer.

He married Dorine Myers on Aug. 18, 1941. She died in 1999.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike and Iola Singer of Fort Wayne, Gene Singer of Hicksville and Jim and Linda Singer of Huntertown; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, in addition to his wife.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Doug Holley will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. (all Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

James Reinhart

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — James W. Reinhart, 84, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005, at 6:14 a.m. in Community Memorial Hospital at Hicksville. He was a resident at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

Mr. Reinhart was a member of the Logan EUB Church in rural Hicksville. He retired from Spangler Candy Co. in Bryan in 1983, and had served in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

He was born Sept. 16, 1920, in Auburn to Arkie and Beulah (Headley) Reinhart.

He married Rosa M. Bell on April 12, 1941, in Defiance. She preceded him in death in 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Doris and John Peak of Bryan and Janice Reinhart of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Pam Reinhart of Sherwood and Ronald and Brenda Reinhart of Defiance; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; a sister, Irene Riggs of Butler; and a daughter-in-law, Karen Reinhart of Coeburn, Va.

He was preceded in death by a son, Willis Arkie Reinhart; a sister, Inez LaRue Rickerd; and his parents and wife.

Private graveside services will be conducted today in Six Corners Cemetery of Hicksville. Pastor Don Foust will officiate.

There will be no public calling.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is in charge of arrangements.

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Gladys Jackson

ELKHART — Gladys M. Jackson, 84, of Elkhart died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005, at 12:45 p.m. at Woodland Manor in Elkhart.

Mrs. Jackson was a homemaker and attended Hillcrest United Methodist Church. She enjoyed her children and grandchildren and liked to crochet, read and sew.

She graduated from Auburn High School.

She was born Feb. 11, 1921, in Chicago to Andrew and Irene (Borge) Mitchell.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jean and Charles Vose of Auburn, Jennifer and Michael Hawkins of Elkhart and Julie Knoblock of Elkhart; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Ann Capen; and a brother, Alfred Mitchell.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, 1531 Cobblestone Blvd., Elkhart, with the Rev. David Cross of Hillcrest United Methodist Church officiating.

A graveside service will take place Friday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County or Ribbon of Hope.

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Rebecca Rufner

WATERLOO — Rebecca Rose Rufner, 83, of Waterloo died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rufner was a homemaker.

She was born May 14, 1922, in Steuben County to Earl and Hazel (Stoy) Fee. They preceded her in death.

She married Max B. Rufner on May 14, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1986.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John B. and Beth Rufner of Fort Wayne and Randall B. and Kathy Rufner of Auburn; a daughter, Janice Chikota of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Robert Swank of Angola; a sister-in-law, Garcille Fee of Auburn; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ransburg; and a brother, Max John Fee.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Rev. Samuel Overmyer

WAKARUSA — The Rev. C. Samuel Overmyer, 87, of Wakarusa died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, at 8:20 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Wakarusa. He had been in declining health for one year.

Mr. Overmyer was a pastor for 52 years, serving congregations in the Dunlap, Nappanee, Urbana, Peru, Waterloo, Bremen, South Whitley, Burton and Richland Center United Methodist churches.

He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from North Central at Naperville, Ill., a Bachelor of Divinity from Evangelical Seminary at Naperville and a Master of Arts and a Master of Divinity from Winona Lake School of Theology. He was very active and involved with outdoor and youth ministries in the United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodges at Wabash, Bremen, Waterloo and Peru.

He was born Aug. 12, 1918, in Fulton County near Lake Bruce to the Rev. Lloyd W. and Nora J. (Woodcox) Overmyer.

He married Ancile F. Linn on July 11, 1938, in Rochester, and she survives in Wakarusa.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Martha Ann and Richard "Dick" Frain of The Villages, Mary Ann and Gerald Spranger of Zionsville and Marcia and David Parsons of Goshen; seven grandchildren, Rick Frain of Wake Forest, N.C., Ronda Koffenhoffer of Columbus, Ohio, Kimberly Whitlock of Fishers, Trisha Barnowski of Wellington, Fla., Sara E. Parsons of Oak Park, Ill., Rachel Parsons of Goshen and Julia Parsons of Goshen; eight great-grandchildren, Jessica and Jack Whitlock of Fishers, Kayla, Kyle and Will Barnowski of Wellington, Hannah and Noah Frain of Wake Forest and Lydia Koffenhoffer of Columbus; and four brothers, Devon Overmyer of Kewanna, the Rev. Kenneth Overmyer of Shipshewana, and Lawrence and Donald Overmyer, both of Kewanna.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. (S.R. 14 W), Rochester, with Pastor Pam Kling officiating. Burial will be in Bruce Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Oakwood Foundation and Outdoor Ministries of the North Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Helen Graham

PLANO, Texas — Helen Joy Graham, 88, a former DeKalb County Council member, died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Barb Graham.

Mrs. Graham was known as a gracious woman with a tender heart for people from any station in life. She was especially known for her caring treatment of prisoners during her time as DeKalb County Jail matron from 1973 to 1978 during the time her husband, John, was DeKalb County sheriff. She spent many hours studying the Bible with some of the female prisoners. Her vibrant faith in Christ was an encouragement and a witness to many, and continued through her final illness.

She was born Aug. 13, 1917, in Elkhart, Ind., to Harvey and Mabel Holderman.

She graduated from Sidney, Ind., High School and attended Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind.

She married John Graham on Nov. 9, 1940, in Auburn and resided in DeKalb County until moving to Plano in 1999.

She was a longtime active member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Mrs. Graham also was elected to the DeKalb County Council and served one term.

She is survived by her sons, Steve Graham of Amarillo, Texas, and Mike Graham of Plano, Texas; a brother, Allen Holderman of Bremen, Ind., six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn. Burial will follow at Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

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Joseph Phillips

AUBURN — Joseph J. Phillips, "Joe the Barber," 79, of Auburn died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, in Select Specialty Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He owned and operated Joe's Barber Shop for the past 50 years, retiring in 2004.

He graduated from Barber School in Cleveland, Ohio. He moved to Auburn in 1954 where he cut hair until retiring. He was a member of Harvest Community Church of Kendallville.

Mr. Phillips was also a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

He was born July 4, 1926, in Ironton, Ohio, to Joseph and Mary Elizabeth (Calhoun) Phillips. They preceded him in death.

On March 26, 1956, he married Barbara (Blevins) Phillips in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Chris and Zhuline Phillips of Owassa, Okla., Nick and Rachel Phillips of New Haven, Fritz Phillips of Auburn, and Patrick and Donna Phillips of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jo Ellen and Pat Janus of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Jama and Jeff Stemen of Leo; two sisters, Dorothy Griswold of Columbia City and Mary Jones of Fort Wayne; one sister-in-law, Sue Phillips of Hicksville, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Phillips

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Vance Hamlin officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God Food Pantry.

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Max Zabst was dedicated military man

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ANGOLA — Max Zabst lived his long life all over the globe, but when he passed away, he returned to where it all started.

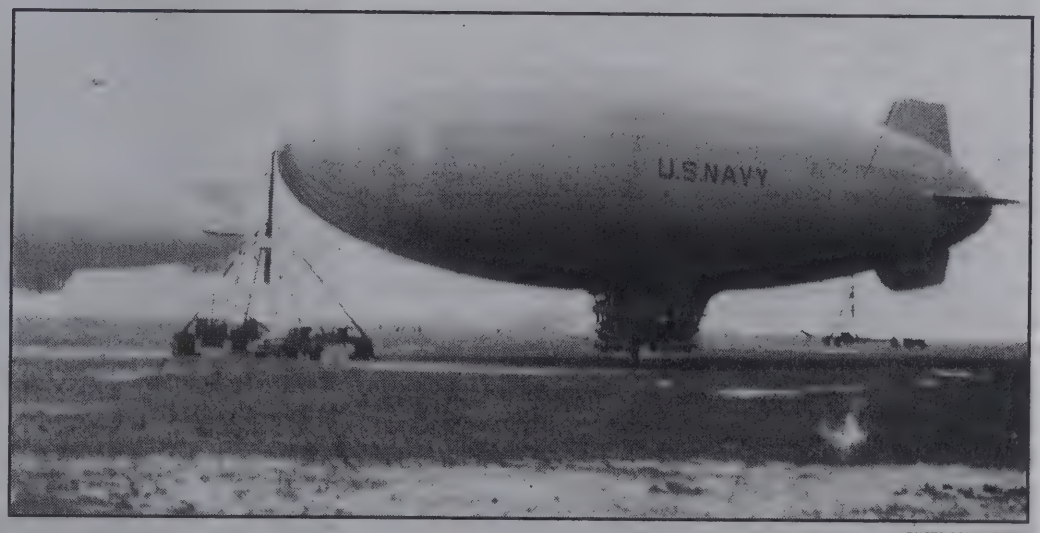
Mr. Zabst was born in Fulton on May 24, 1922. He died on July 12, and after 83 years of traveling and living in different places, he was laid to rest back in Fulton with four generations of his family.

Mr. Zabst

Mr. Zabst grew up in Fulton, where he attended grade and high school and graduated in 1940. Two years later, he began a long military career when he enlisted in the Naval V-5 Pilot Program, where he trained for 13 months. He graduated from training and was commissioned an ensign with a naval aviator rating.

During World War II, Mr. Zabst saw action as a naval airship pilot. He flew anti-submarine patrols along the East Coast of the United States. He was released from active duty in 1946.

"He was a real nice guy," said Kent Alwood, a friend of Mr. Zabst's who was a fellow member of the Orland American Legion post. "He talked a lot about his time in the Navy to us. He was real proud of that. There weren't a lot of blimp pilots."



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The late Max Zabst flew airships such as these for the U.S. Navy.

After his active service with the Navy was over, Mr. Zabst settled into life as a construction worker from 1946 to 1951. Then he took a job at the Weatherhead Co. in Antwerp, Ohio. Later, he moved to the company's Angola location — known as Dana Weatherhead — and worked there as a maintenance foreman for almost 30 years until his retirement on Labor Day in 1982.

But Mr. Zabst's time in the military, although never again a full-time vocation, didn't end when he came home from the war.

In 1948, he was assigned to a reserve airship (blimp) squadron in Akron, Ohio. There he became what was known as a "weekend warrior" — training one weekend a month and taking a two-week cruise each year. He continued in this capacity until the Navy discontinued blimp services in 1957.

When that happened, Mr. Zabst still wasn't ready to give up on Navy life. Instead, he joined a Navy composite company in Fort Wayne, from which he took drills on weekly schedules. He then went on to take destroyer-anti-submarine training as a reserve officer in San Diego, Calif.

He was promoted to executive officer of the Fort Wayne composite company after 10 years. He served in that capacity for one year before the Navy disbanded the company.

Mr. Zabst had served as a reserve for 24 years when he retired with the rank of commander in May 1982.

Mr. Zabst's military connections were the impetus for his joining up with several organizations — among them the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205 and Military Officers Association of America, all of which he was a lifetime member, as well as American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland, the Naval Airship Association and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in San Benito, Texas. He was also a member of the U.S. Naval Memorial Foundation.

During his life, Mr. Zabst married twice (one marriage lasted 29 years, the other 10, and both ended in divorce) and had three sons and a daughter. When he died, he also left seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Calvin Gipple

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Calvin E. Gipple, 61, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, at his residence.

Mr. Gipple was employed by Dura Automotive in Butler in the plating department for seven years. He was a member of the Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556.

He was born March 23, 1944, in Butler to Ora J. and Thelma (Weldy) Gipple. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Loretta and Scott Hart of Spencerville and Pearl and Gilberto Ramirez of Butler; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jeremy and Holly Coleman and Kenny Coleman, all of Avilla, and Larry and Melissa Lee of Spencerville; 18 grandchildren; seven sisters and four brothers-in-law, Vesta Bowen of Edgerton, Ohio; Shirley Gipple, Veronica and LaVern Yoder, Patsy Gipple, Donna and Jim Wasson, Mary and Rich Waters, and Linda and Michael Johnson, all of Hicksville; and four brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed and Sue Gipple of Montpelier, Ohio, Don and Becky Gipple of Toledo, Ohio, Ron and Loretta Gipple and Dennis and Carolyn Gipple, all of Hicksville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Dora Jo Lawson, and one brother, Ora Gipple Jr.

Services will be Monday at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) at the Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, with Pastor Herb Strickland officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2 p.m. (Indiana time) until the start of services.

Condolences may be sent to the family and the guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Memorials are to The Caring Way Hospice of Defiance County or the Hicksville Senior Center.

Virginia Herbert

GARRETT — Virginia E. Herbert, 97, of Garrett died Friday, Aug. 26, 2005, at 9 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Herbert was born Aug. 14, 1908, in New Orleans, La., to Jacob and Bertha (Rice) Heffker.

On Feb. 22, 1939, she married Harold J. Herbert in New Orleans. He died Jan. 6, 1960.

Mrs. Herbert had been a Garrett resident since 1939. She was a homemaker and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a nephew, Jim Van Curan of Sherwood, Ohio; a niece, Jackie Vickery of Sherwood, Ohio; and a great-niece, Gerene Malkowski, of Cedar Lake.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 8 a.m. in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett. The Order of the Eastern Star will conduct the graveside service.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Burn Unit Endowment, Chicago Unit.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Virginia Herbert

GARRETT — Virginia E. Herbert, 97, of Garrett died Friday, Aug. 26, 2005, at 9 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Herbert was born Aug. 14, 1908, in New Orleans to Jacob and Bertha (Rice) Heffker.

On Feb. 22, 1939, she married Harold J. Herbert in New Orleans. He died Jan. 6, 1960.

Mrs. Herbert had been a Garrett resident since 1939. She was a homemaker and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a nephew, Jim Van Curan of Sherwood, Ohio; a niece, Jackie Vickery of Sherwood; and a great-niece, Gerene Malkowski of Cedar Lake.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 8 a.m. in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett. The Order of the Eastern Star will conduct the graveside service.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangments.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Burn Unit Endowment, Chicago Unit.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Gladys Lieberenz

KIMMELL — Gladys E. Lieberenz, 86, of Kimmell died Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an unexpected illness.

Mrs. Lieberenz and her husband, Joe, operated Wolf Lake Greenhouse in Wolf Lake for 25 years, retiring in 1984. She moved to the area in 1963 from Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 21, 1919, in Waterloo to Roy and Inez (Carper) Maurer. On April 16, 1938, in Huntington, she married Joe L. Lieberenz. He died Sept. 20, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Larry Lieberenz of Kimmell; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Lois Lockwood

WATERLOO — Lois G. Lockwood, 83, of Waterloo died Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lockwood

Mrs. Lockwood was born on Sept. 22, 1921, in DeKalb County to Lester "Mike" and B. Mildred (Ball) Jennings. She married Dayton R. Lockwood on Sept. 20, 1939. He survives.

She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club, a former cook at Ashley School and a former poll worker in Ashley. She and her husband owned and operated Ashley-Hudson Lumber Co. from 1945 to 1963, and they operated Kendallville Paint & Wallpaper Store from 1963 to 1982.

Mrs. Lockwood was an interior decorator and loved to accent homes.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lyle and Jean Lockwood of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Neal E. and Lonnie Lockwood of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Karen Ringler of Angola; eight grandchildren, Scott Ringler, Robyn Ringler, Monica Wells, Ross Lockwood, Craig Lockwood, Cheryl Springwood, Bryan Lockwood and Melissa Baker; nine great-grandchildren, Jacob and Joshua Springwood, Urielle Lockwood, Garrett and Maddie Ringler, August Wells, Lenox Baker and David and John Sailor; and four great-great-grandchildren, Lee, Elizabeth, Dale and Joe Sailor.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, DeWaine, Tim and Dale Jennings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and one hour before services on Friday.

Memorials are to Steuben County 4-H.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Edward Kott

ASHLEY — Edward F. Kott, 83, of Ashley died Friday, Aug. 26, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Kott was a machinist and an inspector for Dana Corp. for 45 years, retiring in 1987. He was a World War II Army veteran and a prisoner of war.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo for more than 50 years. He graduated from Hicksville High School in Hicksville, Ohio. He was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Angola post of the American Legion and the Auburn lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

He was born Nov. 25, 1921, in Detroit to Frank and Viola (Urquart) Kott. They preceded him in death.

He married Dorothy M. Hoinski on Jan. 28, 1950, at St. Michael's Catholic Church. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Veronica Kott of New Jersey, Leonard and Debbie Kott of Georgia and Paul and Robin Kott of Wisconsin; two daughters, Donna Henderson of Washington and Evelyn Catt-Brown of Indiana; a brother, Bill Kott of California; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Kott; and a sister, Mary Ellen Kott.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

A wake will be conducted Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice or to Masses.

Ralph Pfaff

AVILLA — Ralph E. Pfaff, 97, of Avilla died Monday, Aug. 29, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Pfaff worked for the Upjohn Co. in Kalamazoo, Mich., before his retirement in 1966. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He lived in Garrett from 1990 to 1997 and then lived at Provena Sacred Heart Home until his death.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and a life member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was born July 17, 1908, in Garrett to Emanuel and Martha (Genda) Pfaff. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Pfaff of Kalamazoo; a nephew, Robert Roe of Goebles, Mich., a niece, Carla Martin of Fort Wayne; his caretaker, Lawrence Martin of Fort Wayne; and three great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Services were today at 10:30 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial was in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling was today from 9:30-10:15 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart. A rosary service followed.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

Corinne Oster

ANGOLA — Corinne J. Oster, 84, of Angola died Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Born in Waterloo, she was a homemaker. She was a past matron of Order of the Eastern Star and a member for more than 50 years. She also was a member of New Life Church in Angola.

Surviving are her husband, Leland Oster of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry L. and Barbara Oster of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Martha Schomberg of El Dorado Springs, Mo.; a sister, Marilyn Beisada of Waynedale; six grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank O. and Cyrille Schomberg; a daughter, Melanie Felger, in 2000; and a great-grandson, Jacob Lee.

No calling or services are planned. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society and Steuben County Cancer Society.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

J. Kathryn Bricker

BLUFFTON — J. Kathryn Roberts Bricker, 96, of Bluffton died Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005, at 9:20 a.m. at River Terrace Estates.

Mrs. Bricker was a homemaker and worked at Franklin Electric for 17 1/2 years, retiring in 1961. She was a member of Friends Church in Rockford.

She was born April 28, 1909, in Wells County to Arthur and Rachel (McFarren) Maddux. They preceded her in death.

She married F. Earl Roberts on April 7, 1928, in Wells County. He died in February 1970.

She married William T. Bricker on April 19, 1979, in Battle Creek, Mich. He died March 26, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons-in-law, Betty and Darwin McAfee of Bluffton, and Joyce and Richard Longenberger of Bluffton; three sons and four daughters-in-law, Fred and Carol Roberts of Churubusco, Kay and Karen Roberts of Markle, Walter and Sue Roberts of Auburn and Joyce Roberts of Bluffton; 20 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Lester Roberts and Jackie Roberts.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Goodwin Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. S.R. 124, Bluffton, with the Rev. Walter Graeflin officiating. Burial will be in the Friends Cemetery at Rockford.

Calling will be today from 1-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Clara Hillyer

COLDWATER, Mich. — Clara E. Hillyer, 88, of Coldwater died Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005, at The Laurels of Coldwater.

Mrs. Hillyer

Mrs. Hillyer had worked for the former Pants Factory and Murphy's Store in Coldwater. She retired from the former Tempo Store after many years of service.

She enjoyed crafts, sewing, gardening, baking and decorating cakes and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She was a lifelong resident of Branch County.

She was born April 29, 1917, in East Gilead Township to Moses and Fern (Heckman) Deeds.

She married Ralph Hillyer on Oct. 23, 1937, in Angola. He preceded her in death in 1993.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Betty Hillyer of Coldwater; a daughter, Mary Ann Barnes of Auburn; four grandchildren, Jennifer Adams, Amanda Clute, Angela Berendt and Danny Williams; two stepgrandchildren, Scott Marquard and Marcia Froman; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Rathbun, in April 2005.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Dutcher Funeral Home, 440 W. Chicago St., Coldwater. The Rev. Cary Grant of St. John's Lutheran Church in Battle Creek will officiate. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery in Gilead Township.

Calling will be Friday from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.dutcherfh.com.

Richard Hill

COLUMBUS — Richard O. Hill, 76, of Columbus died at 9:24 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, at Hickory Creek of Columbus.

Mr. Hill worked at First Christian Church for 18 years. He was a Baptist.

He was born May 5, 1929, in Kokomo to William Everett and Pauline Elizabeth Huckaby Hill. He married Ruth R. Shattuck on March 5, 1949. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steven Richard and Carol Hill of Garrett and Randy Hill of Butler; four daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Hill and Sheryl Mumma, both of Columbus, Janice and Jerry Edwards of Butler and Debbie Bissell of Goshen; a brother, Arnold Hill of Columbus; a sister, Shirley Miracle of Columbus; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Barkes, Inlow & Weaver Funeral Home in Columbus. The Rev. Virl Murray will officiate. Burial will be in New Bellsville Cemetery in Brown County.

Calling will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of South Central Indiana or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home Web site at www.barkesinlowweaver.com.

Peggy Wilson

NEW PARIS — Peggy Ann Wilson, 48, of New Paris died at 12:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2005, in Hospice House of St. Joseph County in South Bend.

Ms. Wilson

She was a cosmetologist for Trade Secret in University Park Mall, South Bend.

She was born Jan. 23, 1957, in Goshen to Everett C. and Leona (Troyer) Shoup. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by three daughters, Jennifer Evans of Goshen and Amy Vargas and Sarah Wilson, both of New Paris; a son, Andy Evans of South Bend; a grandson, Alex Vargas of New Paris; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Judy and Mike Mayse of Auburn and Sharon and Ed Baer of Middlebury; three half-sisters and their husbands, Betty and Bob Viselli of Boston, Margie and Robert Balvitsch of Glenfield, N.D., and Diane and Merle Beach of Kirkland, Wash.; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Teresa Shoup of Elkhart; and the father of her children, Theodore Evans of New Paris.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Middlebury. The Rev. Linda Craig of First United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Elkhart County Cancer Society.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Winifred Peters

GARRETT — Winifred E. Peters, 91, died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retirement in 1977, Mrs. Peters was a teacher for 42 1/2 years. She taught at Garrett-Keyser-Butler, Jackson Township and Keyser Township.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett Professional & Business Women, DeKalb County Retired Teachers Association, Indiana State Retired Teachers Association and the National Retired Teachers Association. She was also an adult Sunday school and adult Bible study teacher.

She was born Sept. 27, 1913, in Garrett to Wilbur and Gertrude (Maurer) Swander. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1930. She married Vere Peters on Oct. 6, 1938, in Garrett. He preceded her in death in 1956.

She is survived by a daughter, Cheryl Peters of Garrett; two sisters, Garnet Dirr of Garrett and Florine Strong of Tampa, Fla.; and a brother, Gerald Swander of West Point, Utah.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a brother and three sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Garrett Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family via e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Ambrose Miller

WATERLOO — Ambrose Joseph Miller, 79, of Waterloo died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Miller retired after a lifetime of farming in Smithfield Township, north of Waterloo.

Mr. Miller

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and a past president of its Holy Names Society.

He was a former member of the DeKalb County Advisory Board, serving for eight years. He also was a Smithfield Township 4-H leader for 10 years.

He was a member and past president of the Sleepy Hollow Shuffle Association in Zephyrhills, Fla., and a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was born Nov. 23, 1925, in Waterloo to Joseph B. and Magdalena (Blomeke) Miller.

He married Edith Mae Woodcock on Feb. 12, 1947, and she died March 7, 1999.

He married Mildred Burgie on July 8, 2000, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Diana Miller of Waterloo, David and Cindy Miller of Summerville, S.C., Richard and Kathy Miller of Fort Wayne and Max and Debra Miller of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Anita and David Senesac of Fort Wayne; three stepsons and their wives, Tom and Nancy Burgie of San Jose, Calif., Dan and Debra Burgie of Vincennes and Douglas and Christy Burgie of Napoleon, Ohio; a stepdaughter and her husband, Charlene and Steve Brincka of Brooklyn, Ohio; five sisters, Elvena Karst of Kendallville, Martha Szeman of Hamilton, Rosena Quinn of Ligonier, Isabel Luke of Ashley and Zella Ann Collins of Butler; 13 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stanley, and a sister, Thelma Schortgen.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will be Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Comboni Missionaries or the Gibault School for Boys and Girls.

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Walt Holcomb 'had a good run'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Walt Holcomb knew how to have a good time — he and his family threw New Year's Eve galas in their basement for 21 years running, and his bride of 52 years, Mary Lou, said "he loved to party" — but he was also an intellectual man who just had to know what made things — and people — tick.

"He loved to ride roller coasters, but before he rode, he'd have to go around knocking on it and looking at it to see what it was made of and how it worked," said Walter's son, Neil.

Walter, a former Angola city engineer and longtime local engineering consultant, died Aug. 25 after battling cancer of the spine for a year and a half. Mary Lou took care of him for the first eight months of his illness, and he spent his last 10 months in a nursing home.

Walter had three bouts with cancer before the one that took his life, the first when he was 28. All the illnesses were unrelated, and Mary Lou said "he thought he was going to dodge the bullet this time, too."

Walter did engineering work on some of Angola's most recognizable buildings and places. Among them are the addition to First Federal Savings Bank of Angola, Jack Henry & Associates, North Wayne Plaza and Intertech Park.

Walter's career afforded him the opportunity to travel all over the world, and the Holcombs also played host to Walter's colleagues from foreign lands over the years — which has made for some unforgettable experiences for his family.

Mary Lou and her sons vividly remember having two visitors from Denmark in the early 1980s, neither of whom had ever been to the United States before, who were surprised to learn that they would not be able to rent a car and drive from Angola to the Grand Canyon over a weekend.

"Everything in Denmark was kilometers," Neil, who followed in his father's engineering footsteps, recalled with a smile. "They had no idea how far away it was when you were talking miles."

Mary Lou said the Danes, who were used to having only one brand of things in their grocery stores, were floored that even pets in America had so many brands of food to choose from.

"It blew them out of their minds," she said.

Walter also saw Hawaii, the Philippines and Guam.

"He traveled when it was rare to do it," said youngest son, Kirk.

Neil said for his dad, it wasn't just about being in a foreign land when he traveled, it was also about getting to know the people who lived there.

"He didn't want to go to the fancy places," Neil said. "He wanted to walk the streets and mix with the people. He couldn't always speak the languages, but he wanted to get a feel for how they lived."

Walter made it a point to take family vacations every year. He and his wife and sons traveled together over the years to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks in Wyoming, the Dakotas (including the Black Hills), the Virginias, Tennessee, Canada, the Agawa Canyon and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to name a few locations.

In the summer of 1998, Walt and Mary Lou were going to a seminar in Las Vegas. Oldest son Mike and his wife, Pam, decided they hadn't gone on a vacation yet that year, so they asked about coming along. Neil and his wife, Kathy, thought that sounded like a fun idea and said they wanted to come, too. Kirk called and said he wanted to meet his family in Vegas as well.

The entire family ended up in Vegas together, where they all went on a rafting excursion.

After the Holcomb kids were grown, Mary Lou and Walt had some time to do some things on their own.

"The understanding was that once the boys were on their own, it would be my turn to go overseas," Mary Lou said. "And we did. Twice."

Walter's life and travels are well-documented, as he was an avid shutterbug with an extensive collection of antique cameras.

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Walter Holcomb and Mary Lou Jones were married on Jan. 31, 1953. They were the parents of three sons, and have two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

"I have tote boxes just full of his pictures," Mary Lou said.

Neil said when his father was working in Fort Wayne, he would carry a camera in the car with him "just in case."

"He wanted to be able to take a picture of a great sunset if he came across one," he said.

Neil said cars were also a passion of his dad's. Many photos of Walt, both older and recent, depict him with an array of automobiles.

"Through high school and college, he always had interesting cars. He would drag me to Auburn (to the Kruse Auction Park) when I was younger, but then I got to love it too, and I'd drag him," Neil said.

Walt's varied interests also included flying planes (both gliders and models) and ballroom dancing. He even bungee-jumped once.

As debilitating as Walt's illness was to his body, Mary Lou said mentally, he was "sharp as a tack to the very end" — and that is something for which she and her family are very grateful.

"He always said, 'if my body goes, I never want to lose my mind,'" she said, smiling even as her bright eyes welled with tears at the memory. "And he never did."

Mary Lou said if people remember one thing about her Walt, she would want it to be that "he was a good husband, a good father and a good friend."

Mike, who is a home builder, built a new home for his parents in 2000. Walter and Mary Lou had talked about putting the house off for a while, but decided to go for it. The home, which Walter made sure had a room for Mary Lou's teddy bear collection as well as space for an ample number of visitors, is a warm, colorful place full of family photos and artwork done by friends.

"Walt wanted me to stay in this house," Mary Lou said softly. "He wanted me to paint it bright colors. He wanted me to keep having parties and enjoy it. That was important to him."

Neil, Kirk, Kathy and Mary Lou all remember one thing their father, father-in-law and husband said with regularity.

"He'd say, 'I had a good run,'" Kirk said warmly. "He had no regrets. He got to watch one of his sons and a grandson proceed in the engineering field. He considered himself a very fortunate man."

Edith Woods

SPENCERVILLE — Edith M. Woods, 75, of Spencerville died at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2005, at her rural home after a long illness.

She was a homemaker and had worked as a nurses aid at several area nursing homes.

She enjoyed square dancing and spending time with her family and grandchildren. She was a past member of the Shirts and Skirts Square Dance Club, Bar-None Saddle Club, and was a member of the New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

Mrs. Woods was born April 29, 1930, in Altona. She married Henry O. Woods Sr. March 8, 1951, in Garrett.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Henry Woods Jr., of Spencerville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ida DeLucenay of Tullahoma, Tenn., Theresa and William Nelson of Auburn, and Lorie and Tim Havert of Butler; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchildren; and several neices and nephews.

Mrs. Woods

Preceding her in death were a brother, Richard Ellis; a sister, Reba Surface; a grandson, Christopher Woods; and a granddaughter, April Havert.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Feller Funeral Home 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, the Rev. Ralph Dietz officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center building fund.

Lloyd Strong

FREMONT — Lloyd George Strong, 86, of Fremont died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a farmer in DeKalb and Steuben counties and he operated a ditching, bulldozing and backhoe service since 1950. He had owned and operated a 17,400 hen egg business from 1967 to 1980 on his farm near Fremont.

He was a member of the Columbia, Ohio, Church of Christ. He enjoyed fishing, collecting coins and antique pocket watches and also machinery and tractors.

Mr. Strong was born May 3, 1919, in Butler to George and Lureigne (Thomas) Strong.

Surviving are two sons, Gary Strong of St. Joe and Frank Strong of Fremont; a daughter, Sharon Bowers of Plant City, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two brothers, Grant Strong of Wabash and Hary Strong of St. Joe; and three sisters, June Brown of Kendallville, Alice Hose of Butler and Coral Steckley of Auburn.

Preceding him in death were three wives, first wife Katherine Dickerhoof Strong, second wife Berniece Drake Strong, and third wife Willabelle Hagerman Strong; a son, Paul Strong; a sister, Blanche Cook; one grandchild; and his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Arvill Brown officiating. Burial will be at Newville Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Church of Christ.

Wesley Warstler

AUBURN — Wesley Dale Warstler, 68, of Auburn died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Warstler retired from Auburn Gear in April 2005 with 45 years of service.

He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Mr. Warstler

Mr. Warstler was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett, the Auburn Moose Lodge and the UAW. He attended the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 23, 1936, in Auburn to Artie and Gladys (Carper) Warstler. They preceded him in death.

On Sept. 6, 1958, he married Sharon K. (Stark) Warstler. She died Jan. 25, 1975.

On May 5, 1990, he married Mary Jeanne Warstler. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wesley D. and Brenda Warstler of Garrett; two stepsons, Eric Smith of Auburn and Rick Smith and his wife, Heather Kingen-Smith, of Chicago; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jodi Warstler of Garrett, Lisa and Scott Wilson of Garrett and Kristi McCormick of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and her husband, Amie and Mark Crozier of Auburn; a brother, Donald Warstler of Butler; and a sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Jim Bice of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Blaine Warstler, Wayne Warstler and Sonny Warstler, who died in infancy; and two sisters, June Bassett and Ruth Collins.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn, with the Rev. Randall Callaway officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with military graveside services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Edith Woods

SPENCERVILLE — Edith M. Woods, 75, of Spencerville died at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2005, at her rural home after a long illness.

She was a homemaker and had worked as a nurses' aid at several area nursing homes.

Mrs. Woods

She enjoyed square dancing and spending time with her family and grandchildren. She was a past member of the Shirts and Skirts Square Dance Club, Bar-None Saddle Club, and was a member of the New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

Mrs. Woods was born April 29, 1930, in Altona to Richard and Eleanora (Royer) Ellis.

She married Henry O. Woods Sr. March 8, 1951, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Henry Woods Jr., of Spencerville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ida DeLucenay of Tullahoma, Tenn., Teresea and William Nelson of Auburn, and Lorie and Tim Havert of Butler; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Richard Ellis; a sister, Reba Surface; a grandson, Christopher Woods; and a granddaughter, April Havert.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Feller Funeral Home 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center building fund.

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Ambrose Miller

WATERLOO — Ambrose Joseph Miller, 79, of Waterloo died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller retired after a lifetime of farming in Smithfield Township, north of Waterloo.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and a past president of its Holy Names Society.

He was a former member of the DeKalb County Advisory Board, serving for eight years. He also was a Smithfield Township 4-H leader for 10 years.

He was a member and past president of the Sleepy Hollow Shuffle Association in Zephyrhills, Fla., and a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was born Nov. 23, 1925, in Waterloo to Joseph B. and Magdalena (Blomeke) Miller.

He married Edith Mae Woodcock on Feb. 12, 1947, and she died March 7, 1999.

He married Mildred Burgie on July 8, 2000, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Diana Miller of Waterloo, David and Cindy Miller of Summerville, S.C., Richard and Kathy Miller of Fort Wayne and Max and Debra Miller of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Anita and David Senesac of Fort Wayne; three stepsons and their wives, Tom and Nancy Burgie of San Jose, Calif., Dan and Debra Burgie of Vincennes and Douglas and Christy Burgie of Napoleon, Ohio; a stepdaughter and her husband, Charlene and Steve Brincka of Brooklyn, Ohio; five sisters, Elvena Karst of Kendallville, Martha Szeman of Hamilton, Rosena McGuin of Ligonier, Isabel Luke of Ashley and Zella Ann Collins of Butler; 13 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stanley; and a sister, Thelma Schortgen.

Services were Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial was in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo handled arrangements.

Memorials are to the Comboni Missionaries or the Gibault School for Boys and Girls.

Reba Hays

AVILLA — Reba Hays, 82, of Avilla died at 6:25 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. Hays was a homemaker and a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

She enjoyed NASCAR auto racing, quilting and watching University of Kentucky basketball games.

Mrs. Hays was born May 19, 1923, in Garrett, Ky., to Simon and Alice (Moore) Hunter. On Oct. 12, 1943, in Hindman, Ky., she married Edd Hays. He is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Elsie and Dave Kugler of Avilla, Shirley and Carl Myers of Crystal River, Fla., and Sue Laney of Fremont; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Earl Hays of Avilla, Chester and Karen Hays of Auburn and Tim and Donna Hays of Talcum, Ky.; three sisters, Edna Wicker and Ruby Wicker, both of Kendallville, and Dorothy Wicker of Lima, Ohio; two brothers, Delbert Hunter of Auburn and Paul Hunter of Prestonburg, Ky.; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Ronnie Hays; a daughter-in-law, Gwendolyn Hays; a grandson, Dennis Meyers; a brother, Chester Hunter; and two sisters, Shirley Smith and Audrey Tripplett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Pastor Morris Wicker of the church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Larry Friend

FORSYTH, Ill. — Larry D. Friend, 63, of Forsyth and formerly of Auburn, died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, at Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Ill.

Mr. Friend

He was a 1959 graduate of Riverdale High School in St. Joe, where he was the valedictorian of his class, a co-editor of the school newspaper, played baseball and basketball and ran on the track team.

He was active in 4-H and was the president of the Riverdale chapter of the Future Farmers of America. He was an FFA district president and served as the organization's state sentinel.

He attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, where he was the president of Farm House fraternity, a member of the interfraternity council and a member of the Agricultural Education Society. He participated in Collegiate 4-H and received the Doane Award, given annually to the fraternity's most outstanding senior.

After graduating from Purdue University in 1963, he moved to Danville, Ill., where he was employed at Lauhoff Grain Co., working his way up to vice president of the commodity operations division. He moved to Decatur, Ill., in 1988 and worked as the futures and options merchandising manager for A.E. Staley.

He served on the board of trustees and finance committee for Grace United Methodist Church. He loved his family, traveling and Purdue University. He was a member of the John Purdue Club and enjoyed attending college football and basketball games with his family and friends. He liked to play golf with his friends and attend antique auctions with his brother-in-law, Roger. He liked to travel to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Clemson, S.C., where a daughter resides.

He was born Sept. 28, 1941, in Auburn to Arthur and Berniece Friend. They preceded him in death.

He married Barbara Sue Roe, formerly of Decatur, Ind., on July 24, 1965. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Laura and Amy; two grandsons, Tyler and Austin; three sisters, Evelyn Ridge of Butler, Ruth Walter of Auburn and Marcille Wible of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Don Friend of Auburn and Paul Friend of Angola.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred and Betty.

Services will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn, where Mr. Friend will be buried next to his parents. Services also were held this morning in Grace United Methodist Church at Decatur, Ill.

Calling will be Friday from 9-11 a.m. at the Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Grace United Methodist Church, 901 N. Main Street, Decatur, IL 62521, or the American Cancer Society.

Robert Freed

GARRETT — Robert D. Freed, 88, of Garrett died Monday, Sept. 5, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Freed was a farmer in DeKalb and Noble counties and was a school bus driver for Fairfield schools for 12 years.

He was a member of the National Farmers Organization in Albion.

He was born Nov. 23, 1916, in DeKalb County to Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed. They preceded him in death.

He married Virginia M. (Lindsey) Freed on March 19, 1938, in DeKalb County, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Marlene Freed of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Walter Fuller of Auburn and Joyce and Jack Davis of Garrett; two brothers, Howard "Joe" Freed of Kendallville and Elmer Freed of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and Clarence Freed; a son, DeWayne Freed; a grandson, Jeffrey Freed; and five sisters, Ava Krumb, Pearl Manon, Delia Schmuck, Mary Hartman and Esther Leins.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in the Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Russell Eckrote Sr.

NEW CASTLE — Russell O. Eckrote Sr., 80, of New Castle died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, following a brief illness.

A 1943 graduate of Mount Summit High School, Mr. Eckrote had been a resident of Henry County for the past 61 years. He had served in the National Guard and farmed south of Lewisville for a number of years before moving to New Castle and becoming the dairy manager at the New Castle State Hospital, where he remained for several years. In 1964, he began working for Masters Gravel & Excavating and continued working there until his retirement in 1996.

He was born Feb. 24, 1925, in Decatur to Joe and Love (Fosnight) Eckrote Sr. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, Russell Eckrote Jr. and Sandy Strobel of Auburn; a daughter, Paula Harter of New Castle; four grandchildren and their spouses, Rex and Susan Harter of Greenfield, Tim and Angie Harter of Oakville, Deanna and Monte Waymire of Selma and Cindy and Justin Lefforge of New Castle; four sisters, Geraldine Ray of Springport, Waneta Johnson of New Castle, Donna Hoagland of Hastings, Neb., and Doris Johnson of New Castle; one brother, Gerald Eckrote of New Castle; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Betty Eckrote; two sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle, with the Rev. Charles McDonald officiating. Burial will be in Green Hills Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Henry County Memorial Hospital Hospice or the American Cancer Research Program.

Harry Balzer Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Harry W. Balzer Jr., 77, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Balzer

Mr. Balzer had been an employee at McCray Refrigeration.

He was a veteran of the Korean conflict, having served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952.

Mr. Balzer was an active member of First Church of God in Kendallville, where he had served as a trustee and on the building committee. He was also a member of the Farm Bureau.

He was born July 12, 1928, in South Bend to Harry Sr. and Ruth (Allen) Balzer. On Feb. 13, 1953, in Garrett, he married Phyllis DePew. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Debra Balzer of Garrett and Thomas and Dian Balzer of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sara Biddle of Kendallville and Nancy and Ronald Richter Sr. of Nabb, Ind.; five grandsons, Nick Balzer and Jarrod Balzer, both of Garrett, James Balzer of Auburn and Ronald Richter Jr. and Nathan Richter, both of Nabb; four granddaughters, Seagan Balzer and Evy Balzer, both of Garrett, Julie Balzer of Stroh and Jessica Biddle of Kendallville; two great-grandsons, Lane Balzer of Garrett and Cameron Minnex of Stroh; and one great-granddaughter, Aubrey Hensley of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Violet Nolt, Clarissa Miller and Pamela Balzer, and a brother, George Balzer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Church of God in Kendallville with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett. Pallbearers will be James Balzer, Nick Balzer, Jarrod Balzer, Ronald Richter Sr., Ronald Richter Jr. and Nathan Richter.

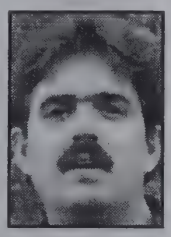
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to First Church of God or the Parkinson's Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Stephen Pfost

AUBURN — Stephen B. Pfost, 49, of Auburn and formerly of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Pfost

A mechanic and truck driver, he had moved to Auburn 10 years ago. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and his snowmobile.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine (King) Pfost; two sons, Kyle Stephen Pfost, 17, and Randy Michael Pfost, 16; his parents, Mary and Ransom Hinckley of Coldwater; his mother- and father-in-law, Helga and Frederick King of Tennessee; four brothers, Tom Pfost of Coldwater, Richard Hinckley of Washington, and Ralph Pfost Jr. and Kevin Pfost, both of California; five sisters, Sally Chaffins of Avilla, Susan Porter of Brimfield, Mass., Christine DeFrance of Melleville, Mich., and Cindy Keeton of Denver; his grandfather, Bruce Hinckley of Coldwater; six nieces and five nephews; a brother-in-law, Michael King of Michigan; a sister-in-law, Elka Sprague of Louisiana; and all of his biker brothers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Pfost; and a nephew, Joshua DeFrance.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Putnam Funeral Home in Coldwater with Wayne Prince officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery of Coldwater.

Calling will be today from 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his children's education fund.

Condolences may be posted online at www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

Janice Paulen

AUBURN — Janice Mae Paulen, 50, of Auburn died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, at her home.

Born in Auburn, she graduated from DeKalb High School and loved to read.

Surviving are an uncle, Robert Paulen of Auburn; and five aunts, Helen Grogg of Auburn, Fern Flood of Fort Wayne, and Irene Worman, Norma Airgood and Phillis Metzler, all of Bradenton, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Thelma Paulen; and a daughter, Amy M. Kessker, who died April 18, 2003.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. Pastor Stephen Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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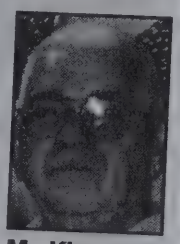
Tilden King

AUBURN — Tilden A. "Andy" King, 75, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. King

Born in Indianapolis, Mr. King was a Fort Wayne police officer, retiring in 1981.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a member of the Fort Wayne Fraternal Order of Police, Auburn American Legion Post 97, Garrett Eagles and Commercial Travelers of America.

Surviving are his wife, Edna L. King of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy A. and Nancy King of New Mexico and Chuck A. and Michelle King of Garrett; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cindy and Stuart Schlaifer of Auburn, Charlotte and Rex Bailey of Fort Wayne and Beverly A. Nichols of Brooksville, Fla.; a brother, Don King of Indianapolis; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy Coddington and Dr. Robert Coddington of Tennessee and Annabelle Johnston of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation or American Cancer Society.

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Son remembers father as man of integrity

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Randy Hammond said describing his father, Bill, in a few words was no easy task.

"Wow, that's hard," he said, pausing for a moment. "I guess I'd say he was a man of great integrity."

Former Angola Common Councilman Bill O. Hammond, 76, died July 22 at his Angola home. He was on the City Council for eight years, and also served on the city's Board of Zoning Appeals for 16 years.

"Obviously, the community was very important to him," Randy said.

Randy, the oldest of three sons born to Bill and his wife of 50 years, Dee, said he remembers his father as a man who was "hard working and had strong family values."

"In his early years, he worked several jobs to take care of the family," Randy said.

Bill's last job was as a production control manager at Aero/Ingersoll-Rand, formerly Modernaire, in Angola.

"The biggest thing about Dad was that he was always teaching someone something in his quiet little way," said the Hammond's youngest son, Rick.

Rick said now that he's a parent himself, he can see why his father sometimes got irritated.

"I can remember the look on his face when I came home in high school and showed him my skydiving logbook," Rick said with a smile in his voice. "You had to be 18 to do it and I was only 16 at the time. I signed his name to be able to go."

But as was typical, Rick said, his father was "very level-headed and not too excitable."

"He'd get frustrated, but even when he was angry he was still very rational," Rick said. "That was something I always really admired about him."

So is that a trait Rick inherited?

"I'm getting better at it," he said with a chuckle.

Bill and Dee had just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on April 2. The couple met while roller skating.

"When they would skate, they were very graceful as a couple," Randy said. "From the skating, they moved on to square and round dancing. They were just meant for each other ... you could see it as they were flowing around the dance floor together."

Randy said he thinks his mom is doing OK, but he knows it must be hard to lose a companion of five decades.

"It was a great loss for her," he said quietly. "It was a great loss for all of us."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Bill Hammond and his wife Dee enjoy a boat ride this past summer. The Hammonds' youngest son, Rick, had a copy of this photo made for his mother and gave it to her as a gift after Bill passed away on July 22.

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Freda Brockelbank

ST. JOE — Freda Mae Brockelbank, 81, of St. Joe died Friday, Sept. 9, 2005, at her home.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed quilting and needlepoint. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Hicksville, Ohio, and was a 1943 graduate of Hicksville High School.

Mrs. Brockelbank was born March 30, 1924, in Hicksville to Clyde and Alda (Headley) Peter.

On April 10, 1948, she married Edward Brockelbank. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Freida "Fritz" and Daniel Smith of Hicksville, Becky and David Berry of Huntington and Kay and Calvin Yoder of St. Joe; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Max and Barb Peter of Hicksville.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Mary Francis and Victoria Sue; a brother, Basil Peter; and a sister, Catherine Lassus.

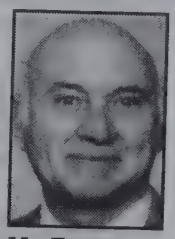
Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be at Six Corners Cemetery of Hicksville.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. today (Indiana time) at the Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with a Rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Renovation Fund.

Robert Farver Sr.

ASHLEY — Robert Farver Sr., 74, of Ashley died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.


Mr. Farver

Mr. Farver was born April 12, 1931, in Angola to Eula (McCool) and L.M. "Red" Farver. He married Beverly J. Stomm on Dec. 24, 1951, and she survives.

He served four years in the Air Force during the Korean War, earning the title of staff sergeant. He was a farmer and carpenter. He belonged to the State Post Frame Builders' Association, the former Tri-County Skirts and Shirts (square dancing) Club, Antique Silver King Tractor Club and the Ashley Chamber of Commerce. He served as deacon and elder for St. John's United Church of Christ in Hudson. He enjoyed restoring Studebakers and Silver King tractors.

He was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Jr. and Jerilyn Farver and Daniel and Ruth Farver, all of Ashley, and Breck and Julie Farver of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and John Kissinger of Fowlerville, Mich.; nine grandchildren, Misty Farver Grubbs, Stacey Farver, Sarah Farver, Susan Farver, Kayla Kissinger, Jacob Farver, Kyle Kissinger, Stephanie Farver and Rachel Farver; one great-grandchild, Clay Cecil Grubbs; and two brothers, Jack Farver of Waterloo and Larry Farver of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lois Logan.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at St. John's United Church of Christ, C.R. 23 and C.R. 23A, Hudson, with the Rev. Clare Walters officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with military graveside services.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4:30 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to St. John's United Church of Christ.

Condolences can be left online at www.johnsonfh.net.

Gertrude Tubbs

FREMONT — Gertrude Pauline "Pat" Tubbs, 94, of Fremont died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Tubbs was born April 21, 1910, in California Township, Branch County, Mich., to Rennie A. and Glendora (Peppers) Gould. She married Raymond H. Tubbs on Aug. 11, 1934, and he died on April 11, 2002.

She was a homemaker and operated a fish shop in Jonesville, Mich. She also operated an adult foster home in Jonesville.

She moved to Fremont in 1912 with her parents and grew up in the Fremont area. She had also been a resident of Coldwater and Jonesville, Mich., and Lake Havasu, Ariz. She was a member of Jamestown Church.

Surviving are a brother, Everett Gould of Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, William Fifield of Ashley, Patsy Adamson of Flint, Mich., Renee Blankenship of Hillsdale, Mich., Ren Beebe of Reading, Mich., and Charo Nester of Auburn; three brothers-in-law, Robert Tubbs of Eaton Rapids, Mich., Herman Tubbs of Coldwater and Rolland Tubbs of Hillsdale; two sisters-in-law, Maryline Blohn of Phoenix and Geraldine Maier of Waunakee, Wis.; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mary Ellen Buknis and Helen Henley; a son, Franklin Beebe; and a daughter, Vivian Anne McAuley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sunsetview Cemetery, Jonesville, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating.

Memorials are to Jamestown Church, Fremont.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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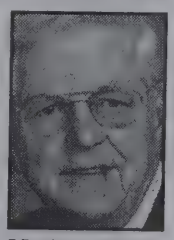
Charles Rowe

FREMONT — Charles Basil Rowe, 73, of Lake George, Fremont died Monday, Sept. 12, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Rowe was a retired Garrett businessman and former owner of the Lake George Retreat, Fremont.



Mr. Rowe

He was a graduate of Garrett High School. He was a United States Air Force veteran and an active member of the Democratic Party.

He was born Nov. 7, 1931, in Garrett to Perry and Pearl (Miller) Rowe. They preceded him in death.

He married JoAnne Blombach on February 17, 1985, and she survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Kathy Rowe of Naperville, Ill.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lael and Dan Ice of Garrett, Lynn and David Reed of Fort Wayne and Judy Rowe of Angola; two stepdaughters, Joni Hawkins of Fremont and Julie Uetrecht and husband, Jeff, of Coldwater, Mich.; a stepson, Jon Foust and his wife, Kelly, of Fremont; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lillian Wise.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice or the Garrett Community Center, P.O. Box 32, Garrett, IN 46738

The Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Yeiser

ST. JOE — Donald Keith Yeiser, 75, of St. Joe died Monday, Sept. 12, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Yeiser worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1991 after 30 years of service.

He was a veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the Butler American Legion.

He was born in St. Joe on July 4, 1930, to Desmond Wilbur and Doris Delora (Keesler) Yeiser. They preceded him in death.

He married Helen Ort on July 9, 1955, in Newville and she survives in St. Joe. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Tony Warstler of St. Joe and Julie and Bill Chapman and Cindy and Jeff Bemis, all of Butler; seven grandchildren, Ryan McDowell, Linsey Dielman, Nick Bemis, Spencer Bemis, Brad Bemis, Josh Warstler and Jada Warstler; a brother, Harold Yeiser of Butler; and a sister, Rosemary Means of Paris, Tenn.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Dennis King officiating.

Military graveside services will be conducted at Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, DeKalb County Unit, P.O. Box 722, Auburn, IN 46706 or DeKalb Memorial Hospital Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn, IN 46706.

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Dolan Boyd

AUBURN — Dolan G. Boyd, 54, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, after a sudden illness.

Mr. Boyd

Mr. Boyd worked at Foamex in Auburn and formerly had worked at the Auburn Foundry for 19 years.

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge 566. He was a 1970 Garrett High School graduate. He was an avid sports fan and loved the Cubs and the Bears.

He was born Jan. 3, 1951, in DeKalb County to Dorsie and Violet (Snyder) Boyd, and they preceded him in death.

He married Barbara J. Carper on Feb. 12, 1972, at Hopewell United Brethren Church in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Angela D. Boyd and her friend, Tara Heyman, Amanda L. Boyd and Heather J. Boyd, all of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Mitchell and Kendra Boyd of Garrett; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis and Wesley Haring and Connie Mason, all of Auburn; five nephews; six nieces; and seven brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Tom and Nancy Keuneke of Hamilton, Steve and Janet Carper of Auburn, Bruce and Lori Carper of Butler and Archie Carper of Indianapolis.

A memorial service will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Saturday from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Mr. Rowe served as 'moral compass'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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LAKE GEORGE — Charlie Rowe was a name many people in the Steuben County area associated with the local Democratic Party.

And in Garrett he was a business, civic and political fixture.

His daughter, Judy, said while that affiliation was a huge part of her father's life — "he's the reason I'm a Democrat," she said — there was so much more to the man who raised her.

"He really influenced me life," Judy said. "Whenever I have to make a moral decision, I think about what he would do. He was my moral compass, I guess you could say."

Charlie Rowe died at his home in Lake George on Monday after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Making the right decisions wasn't something that always came easy, Judy admitted.

"I remember when I was a kid ... a teenager, I guess ... I found $80 in a snow bank," she remembered. "He made me take it to the Garrett police station. He said it could have been somebody's utility payment."

Looking back now, it was the right thing to do. At the time, Judy wasn't very happy about her father's insistence that she take the moral high road.

"I was totally broke, out of cigarettes and everything else," she said with a smile in her voice. "No one claimed the money and he let me go back and reclaim it after a week, but he made me take it in."

As an adult, Judy said she still tries to emulate her father.

"He just always did the right things," she said. "I try to be that way, I really try, but sometimes I fall short."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Charles Rowe is pictured poolside on a recent vacation.

A year and a half ago, Charlie was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, which was devastating for him and his family.

"It's been horrible," Judy said sadly. "We just had to sit back and watch him deteriorate."

Judy said hospice workers were invaluable during her father's illness.

"We were very grateful for them," she said.

Virginia Kennedy, wife of Steuben County Democratic Committee chair Eugene Kennedy, said she worked very closely with Charlie for many years.

"He was such a great guy. Gosh, he did so much. He was a sign maker and made signs for candidates. He contributed so much — his time, his money, everything," Virginia said.

Charlie was a well-known businessman and civic figure in Garrett.

"Garrett always meant so much to my dad," said Lynn Rowe Reed, another of Charlie's daughters.

Charlie opened the Shakeshop Drive-In at the corner of Cowen and King streets in 1968, and in 1970 he ran for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Board and served for two terms. He was appointed to the city's plan commission in 1969, but resigned that post a year later due to his school board duties.

In 1971, he purchased Garrett Plumbing and Heating. He sold the Shakeshop in January 1972, and later that year, he partnered with Henning Sorenson to build apartments in the 600 block of East Warfield Street, Garrett.

In 1978, he purchased the Garrett Hardware store on South Randolph Street.

"Every time he had a success, he started something else," Reed said. "He was such an ambitious guy — he stretched himself pretty thin."

Charlie was chosen as Garrett's Democratic Party chair in September of 1982. Reed remembered their dad's standing in the community while they were growing up in Garrett.

"People would ask if I was Charlie's daughter — it was so cool that my dad was a big shot in town," she said. "No higher compliment could be paid."

Charlie was still working for the Democratic Party in Garrett when he moved to Steuben County 20 years ago.

"I just never knew anyone else quite like him," Virginia said. "He came here from Garrett and he pitched right in."

One of Charlie's truest loves was his wife of 20 years, JoAnne.

"He loved her dearly," Judy said warmly. "He said so everyday. He called her an angel, and she took such good care of him."

That love spilled over for his children, grandchildren and other relatives.

"He loved his family very much," Judy said.

Charlie had a sign business for a long time, and Judy said he would hang the signs "with ladders and ropes, no bucket trucks or anything like that."

"He hung the sign for Tom's Donuts (on North Wayne Street) and he was up there in the air with one leg over each side putting it up," Judy said. "Todd Saylor comes out and says, 'Who the heck is that old man up there?' And I was like, 'Oh, it's just my dad.'"

Virginia said the one blessing in losing Charlie is that he isn't suffering any more.

"The one thing you can say is he hasn't got any more pain. And he had a lot of it," Virginia said quietly. "He's in a good place now. We'll sure miss him, though."

Several years ago, Charlie, along with Sorenson and Harold Kleeman, donated a 12-acre parcel of land for the future Garrett Community Center. All three attended the groundbreaking ceremony last October.

Family members hoped Charlie's health would last long enough for him to see the center open this year. But the construction stretched longer than expected, so Reed wrote her dad's name in the concrete at the center's front entrance.

GARRETT CLIPPER EDITOR *Sue Carpenter contributed to this tribute.*

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Paul Roberson

FORT WAYNE — Paul J. "Cricket" Roberson, 83, a former resident of Fort Wayne and Churubusco, died at 3:05 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. He had been in declining health for some time and had been a patient there for the past month.

Mr. Roberson was born in Churubusco on Sept. 7, 1922, to Charles and Ida (Saunders) Roberson. He served as a combat infantryman with the U.S. Army in the Rhineland, Ardennes and in Central Europe during World War II.

He was employed in quality control at General Electric in Fort Wayne where he worked for 30 years, retiring in 1982.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Janice Roberson of Springfield, Ohio and Gary and Debbie Lopresti of Fort Wayne; a sister, Margaret Tarlton of Garrett; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, William Smith; four sisters, Audrey Roberson, Dovie Schell, Esther Summers and Alice MacFarland; and two brothers, Dale Roberson and Alvin Roberson.

Services will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial, with military graveside rites, is in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco on Carroll Road. Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Dennis Edmondson

FORT WAYNE — Dennis E. Edmondson, 49, of Fort Wayne, died Sept. 8, 2005, at his home.

He was a truck driver.

Surviving are his life partner, Cheryl Edmondson; a son, James W. Edmondson of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kate Edmondson of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Penny and Michael Rhodes of Garrett; and nieces Patricia L. Rhodes of Fort Wayne and Michelle Rhodes of Garrett.

Services were conducted Thursday, with arrangements by the Vantage Funeral Service of Fort Wayne.

Jeffery Everage Jr.

AUBURN — Jeffery Dean Everage Jr., 14, of Auburn died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005.

He was born Jan. 11, 1991, in Auburn to Jeffery Dean Everage Sr., and Wanda (McClure) Van Horn. He was a student at DeKalb Middle School and a member of the eighth grade football team.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Randy Van Horn of Auburn; three brothers, Dustin Everage of Auburn, Justin McClure, stationed at Goosecreek, S.C., and Keegan Van Horn of Auburn; three sisters, Kendra McClure of Garrett, Racheal Everage of Auburn and Annabelle Van Horn of Howe; grandparents, Betty and LeRoy Lawson of Auburn, Bonnie Everage of Waterloo and Barbara Van Horn of Auburn; and great-grandmother Thelma Walker of Kendallville.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial is in Waterloo Cemetery. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Middle School Athletic Department.

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Loann Schlemmer

NORTH MANCHESTER — Loann Schlemmer, 80, of Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at 4:10 p.m. in Peabody Healthcare Center of North Manchester.

Mrs. Schlemmer taught elementary students for more than 30 years in Wabash City Schools. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Wabash, the Retired Teachers Association, P.E.O. and the Woman's Clubhouse Association. She lived in Wabash for 40 years.

She was born April 3, 1925, in Claypool to Frank C. and Wilodean (Whittenberger) Sanders.

She married Samuel E. Schlemmer in Claypool on June 22, 1947. He died July 30, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Betsy Schlemmer of Wabash, Dave and Lynnie Schlemmer of Auburn and Jim and Holly Schlemmer of Wabash; a grandson, Ross Schlemmer of Wabash; a granddaughter, Caroline Schlemmer of Wabash; and a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Betty Sanders of Claypool.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. The Rev. Phil Lake will officiate. Entombment will be at Memorial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkinson's Awareness Association of Central Indiana or Christ United Methodist Church.

A memorial guest book may be signed online at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Angeline Smith

AUBURN — Angeline E. Smith, 86, of Auburn died Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born June 16, 1919, in Auburn to Charles and Edna (Peckhart) Refner. They preceded her in death.

She married Kenneth G. Smith on Nov. 18, 1939, in Fort Wayne. He died March 23, 1984.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Diane Smith of Corunna and Roger K. Smith and Dr. Trina Chapman-Smith of Auburn; two brothers, Jack Refner of Ashley and Larry Refner of Waterloo; two sisters, Dorothy Watkins of Fort Wayne and Alice Porter of Garrett; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles "Brick" Refner; and three sisters, Edith McNamara, Mary Webb and Bonnie Sharp.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Saneta Maiko and the Rev. Eugene Woolever officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Meese Chapel United Methodist Church.

George Worman

BRADENTON, Fla. — George M. Worman, 82, of Bradenton died Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005.

Mr. Worman was born June 1, 1923, in Garrett. He retired from Dana Corp. at Auburn in 1986. He was a past governor of Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Irene I. Worman; a son, Dennis A. Worman; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

There will be no services. Manasota Memorial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Wanda DeLucenay

ASHLEY — Wanda R. DeLucenay, 78, of Ashley died Monday. Sept. 19, 2005, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. DeLucenay was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She was born April 22, 1927, in Chester, Ill., to Joseph and Iva (Yankey) Lybarger.

She married Herman J. DeLucenay on Aug. 16, 1947, in Dixon, Ill. He died June 15, 2003.

Surviving are two sons, Paul David DeLucenay of Hartselle, Ala., and John Adam DeLucenay of Ashley; two daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Bill Freeman of Avilla and Valerie Lynn and Larry Lankenau of Fort Wayne; a brother, Joseph Lybarger of Dixon, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gregory Lee DeLucenay.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Calling will also be Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

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Matthew Faust

GARRETT — Matthew S. Faust, 44, of Garrett died Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at 5:15 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Faust was a Garrett resident for the past 13 years, recently working for Fort Wayne Newspapers. He was a salesman for Eckrich and Beatrice Foods (Sunkist) in Houston, Texas, before moving to Indianapolis with Sunkist. He also worked for Thrivent in northeast Indiana for seven years before relocating to the Garrett area.

He was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett and was a past chairman of the church congregation. He was a member of the Northeast Indiana Officials Association, having enjoyed officiating volleyball, football and wrestling. He was an assistant troop leader for Boy Scout Troop 178 in Garrett. He participated as a Toastmaster while living in Indianapolis.

He was born Dec. 22, 1960, in Quincy, Ill., to Franklin Delano Faust and Lucy Anne (Lemen) Faust. His mother survives in Fort Wayne, and his father preceded him in death.

He married Susan L. Schumm on Aug. 17, 1985, in New Haven. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are his twin son and daughter, Alex and Allison Faust of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Kunzman.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to a college fund for Alex and Allison Faust.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lois Patterson

ANGOLA — Lois L. Patterson, 84, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Patterson was born Sept. 17, 1921, in Paulding, Ohio, to Robert B. and Geraldine (Hannenkratt) Highland. She married Clayton E. Patterson on Feb. 7, 1940, and he died on Feb. 14, 1971.

She worked all her life in the Angola area. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, and the church's Dorcas Circle. She was a former member of the Angola Women of the Moose.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Clayton and Janice Patterson of Fremont; a grandson, Brian Patterson of Rochester, N.Y.; and a sister, Betty Breckler of Fremont.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert and Walter Highland; and two sisters, Irene Walters and Virginia Winkler.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Philip Stringer and the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church.

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Robert Swank

ANGOLA — Robert Swank, 90, of Angola died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at home.

Mr. Swank was born Jan. 10, 1915, in Terre Haute to Carl and Myrtle (Cadwell) Swank. He married Margaret Fee on Dec. 31, 1938, in Waterloo, and she survives.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. He was a retired funeral director for Walker Funeral Home in Toledo, Ohio, and Swank Funeral Home in Ashley. He and his wife owned and operated Wayside Furniture of Angola.

He was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola; a 50-year member of the Angola Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Angola Order of the Eastern Star; and a member of the Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sue and Terry Yingling of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Marsha Karl of San Jose, Calif.; two brothers, John Swank of Indianapolis and Harold Swank of Florida; and a granddaughter, Anna Karl of California.

Services will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be left online at hejohnsonfh.com.

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Louhettie Slone

AUBURN — Louhettie Slone, 92, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Slone was a homemaker and a member of the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born April 12, 1913, in Hollybush, Ky., to Jake and Sally Ann (Dow) Slone. They preceded her in death.

She married Garland Slone on June 6, 1935, in Hindman, Ky. He died March 14, 1951.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Birchel and Norma Slone of Kendallville, Bethel Slone of Auburn, Ted and Karen Slone of Waterloo and Barney and Amy Slone of Garrett; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nola Moore of Garrett, Ky., and Nancy and Bob Vanderpool of Auburn; a brother, Delzie Slone of Lexington, Ky., a son-in-law, Rulon Daley of Hamilton; a daughter-in-law, Marguarite Slone of Bedford; 24 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Emery Slone; a daughter, Bertha Daley; three brothers, Elbert, Albert and Isom Slone; and two sisters, Virgie Hicks and Linda Slone.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh, the Rev. Lee Combs and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Bettie Curtiss

AUBURN — Bettie J. Curtiss, 83, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Curtiss

She worked for the former Auburn Rubber Co. for 10 years and then worked as a cost clerk for the Warner Gear Co. for 12 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She was born Oct. 14, 1921, in Brookfield, Mo., to Weaver S. and Lottie E. (Williams) Asmusser.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Margaret Vaughn of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and David and Karen Curtiss of Bastrop, Texas; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Allene Otey and Lorene Alcoke.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or the American Cancer Society.

Robert Weimer

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert L. Weimer, 71, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at his home.

Born in Noble County, Mr. Weimer was a tool and die maker with Dana Corp. for 38 years, retiring in 1995.

He served in the Fort Wayne Army Reserve from 1948 to 1953. He was an active member of the Auburn Elks, serving as exhalted ruler from 1977 to 1978. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 164 and St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola.

Surviving are his wife, Anna L. Enteman Weimer of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Pam Weimer of Auburn and Dr. Terry Weimer and Sharon Weimer of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Jim Dunn of Waterloo and Kim and Mark Weldon of Lake James, Angola; eight grandchildren; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, John and Joan Weimer of Auburn, David and Lynn Weimer of Auburn, Roger and Mary Lee Weimer of Fremont and Ron Weimer of Lake Wales, Fla.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jean and Don Mair of Fort Wayne and Janet Kessler of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private graveside services will take place Sunday in the Catholic Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the St. Anthony Building Fund, Angola.

Cleo Johnson

BUTLER — Cleo Johnson, 85, of Butler died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Johnson was an employee of the former Auburn Rubber Co. and a former employee of the Cooper Jewelry Store in Butler. She was a member of the Enerjets Home Demonstration Club of Butler.

She was born Dec. 29, 1919, in Auburn to Harry and Grace (Cool) Brandon.

On May 3, 1941, in Auburn, she married Wilbur Johnson. He died Jan. 14, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Sharron Johnson of Williamsburg, Va., and Stephen and Ruth Ann Johnson of Edgerton, Ohio; five grandchildren, Bradley, Brandon and Trenton Johnson, and Kevin and Rickie Shall; and two great-grandchildren, Kyrie and Tahlia Johnson.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Melanie Rosetti; a sister, Wanda Farmer; and three brothers, Claude, Nelson and Harry "Bud" Brandon.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dale Rabenau will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Business leader will be missed

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LAGRANGE — Nina Eash, business leader and humanitarian, died Wednes-day, "leaving a hole in the community," in the words of her son, Jeff.

"Things will certainly be different. It will be lonely for dad," Jeff Eash said.

It will be different not only for the family, but for the community. Nina Eash was in the habit of looking out for her neighbors. After closing Purity Supermarket in December 2001, she drove several of her Amish neighbors to help them do their errands.

"She was very active in the church and a wonderful person," said the Rev. Dexter Garman, pastor of LaGrange United Methodist Church.

"Nina and her husband, Jim, plowed the snow from our church lot. They both did things without asking. One winter day when her husband, Jim was sick, she got out the snowplow and plowed the church lot in Jim's place. She was not scared of anything. She was a warm, caring person. We'll all miss her a lot. She was Jim's right-hand lady. She fussed over everything and everybody. Nina volunteered and served in a number of church offices, including the finance committee. She was a very special person," Garman added.

Nina Eash grew up in Noble County, moved to LaGrange in 1950 and graduated from LaGrange High School in 1951.

She was employed at the LaGrange County Farm Bureau as an office clerk. She met Jim Eash through his sister, Peggy (Eash) Correl (now of Dallas, Texas), and the two married June 14, 1953.

The couple lived above what was then a tin shop on Spring Street in LaGrange. The brick building still stands and is an apartment.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Nina Eash, left, and Jim Eash appear in an early photo of the couple at the register of the former Purity Supermarket. The family closed the market in December of 2001, after 52 years. Mrs. Eash died Wednesday.

Jim had joined his mother and father, Mary and Glenn Eash, in the grocery business in downtown LaGrange in 1949, in what is now an office building housing such agencies as the LaGrange County American Red Cross.

Nina began working in the grocery when Jim's mother died, and shortly after their first son, Jeff, was born in October 1954. The grocery was moved to a new location at the south edge of LaGrange in 1954 and a second son, Brad, was born in 1959.

"We grew up in the store, playing in boxes and with the conveyor," Brad remembered.

Nina was busy with the store and raising her two sons, but found time for the church and others. She was a member of Delta Theta Tau, a philanthropic organization, and an avid bowler, winning many trophies.

"She could hit the ball a country mile. She played baseball, basketball and even tried her hand at judo," Jeff Eash said with a laugh.

"She was watching Arthur Godfrey on TV one day and they were demonstrating judo. When dad came home she held out her hand to him. He thought she was going to shake hands with him, but instead she took his hand and flipped him over and he landed on the floor," Jeff Eash remembered.

Besides playing with her sons, Nina Eash took pride in her only granddaughter, Brad's daughter, Courtney. Nina had participated in 4-H in her youth and encouraged Courtney to do the same.

"She bought a horse for me to ride," Courtney said, remembering moments spent with her grandmother.

Interested in 4-H as she was, Nina purchased animals for the supermarket at numerous 4-H fair auctions.

Nina and Jim Eash mentored many high school students through teaching them solid work ethics by participating in the school's interdisciplinary cooperative education (I.C.E.) program.

After closing the grocery and retiring in 2001, Nina continued to work at home, but most of all, did not forget those around her and being a good neighbor. She continued to be warm and caring, touching many lives and will surely be missed by those who knew her.

Leona Davidson

AUBURN — Leona H. Davidson, 89, of Auburn died Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Davidson

Mrs. Davidson worked as a nursing assistant at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1984.

She graduated from Waterloo High School in 1934. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Auxiliary Legion of Mary.

She was born April 24, 1916, in Auburn to Ora E. and Dorothy (Leahy) Crooks.

She married Joseph D. Davidson on Jan. 7, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio. He died in 1998.

Surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Michael J. and Susie Davidson, John P. and Jenny Davidson and William A. and Mary Jane Davidson, all of Auburn, Robert D. Davidson of Waterloo and Daniel R. Davidson of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Ann and Richard Martin of Auburn and Jane E. Davidson of Fort Wayne; a sister, Margaret Sockrider of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Dorothy Till, Mary Louise Crooks and Ilene Crooks; and one brother, Patrick Crooks.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Donald Knop

AUBURN — Donald G. Knop, 76, of Auburn died Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Knop was a self-employed contractor with K & W Construction, retiring in 1999. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Cedar Creek Church of Christ in Cedarville.

He was born Dec. 29, 1928, in Spencerville to Arthur and Mable (Hoshaw) Knop.

He married Beverly June Winters on June 26, 1953, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Knop of Fort Wayne and Brian and Martha Knop of Kent, Wash.; one daughter, Julie Knop of Fort Wayne; one brother, Jim Knop of Springfield, Ohio; one sister, Ellen Johnson of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Candy, Jeremy, Mary and Linda Knop.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lawrence Knop; and a sister, Ethel Knop.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Mike Kjergaard will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of Christ at Cedarville.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information provided to this newspaper.*

Robert Weimer

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert L. Weimer, 71, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at his home.

Born in Noble County, Mr. Weimer was a tool and die maker with Dana Corp. for 38 years, retiring in 1995.

He served in the Fort Wayne Army Reserve from 1948 to 1953. He was an active member of the Auburn Elks, serving as exhalted ruler from 1977 to 1978. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 164 and St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola.

Surviving are his wife, Anna L. Enteman Weimer of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Pam Weimer of Auburn and Dr. Terry Weimer and Sharon Weimer of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Jim Dunn of Waterloo and Kim and Mark Weldon of Lake James, Angola; eight grandchildren; four brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Joan Weimer and David and Lynn Weimer, all of Auburn, Roger and Theresa Weimer of Fremont and Ron and Mary Lee Weimer of Lake Wales, Fla.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jean and Don Mair of Fort Wayne and Janet Kessler of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private graveside services were conducted Sunday in the Catholic Cemetery at Auburn. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn were in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the St. Anthony Building Fund, Angola.

Marvel Barrows

HOWE — Marvel B. Barrows, 70, of Howe died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Barrows

A lifetime LaGrange County resident, she had retired in 1998 following 28 years of service at Campbell Soup Co. in Howe.

She served as secretary of the United Methodist Women at Mongo United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed gardening, crocheting and genealogy.

Mrs. Barrows was born Nov. 19, 1934, in LaGrange County to Herschel D. and Ruby Marie (Bell) Alleshouse. Her father is deceased, and her mother survives in Howe.

On April 17, 1954, in Orland, she married Weir L. Barrows. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherri and Brian Shull of Auburn and Lisa and Randy Feller of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Nancy Barrows of Howe; her twin sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Jon "Jack" Oakley of Howe; a brother and sister-in-law, John K. and Carol Alleshouse of Howe; six grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Fruripmay Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Rochelle Quimby

BUTLER — Rochelle K. Quimby, 43, of Butler died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 5, 1961, in Fort Wayne to Warren A. and Doris (Miller) Quimby. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Dustin Quimby of Waterloo and Cory Quimby of Butler; two daughters, Ashley Wyse of Kingsford, Mich., and Amber Bailey of Waterloo; two brothers, Charles Griffith of Butler and Marc Griffith of Garrett; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Rebecca Damron of Butler and Debra and Steve Johnson of Kingsford, Mich.; two nephews, Stephen Johnson and Jason Griffith; a niece, Jessica Johnson; and her companion, David Slaybaugh.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-7 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler.

A gathering for friends and family will be Wednesday after 4 p.m. at 420 N. Pearl St., Butler.

Memorials are to the family.

Mildred Graham

AUBURN — Mildred E. (Berringer) Graham, 95, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Born in Auburn, Mrs. Graham was a secretary at the Auburn welfare office for 20 years, retiring in 1981. She also worked at the Auburn Automobile Co. for 10 years.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and a 1928 graduate of McIntosh High School in Auburn.

Surviving are her husband, William T. Graham of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Graham of Fort Wayne and Ruth Bowman of North Manchester; three brothers-in-law, Robert Graham of Auburn, Kenneth Graham of Butler and Peter Potts of Corunna; and a niece, Marsha Banicki Graham of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Bessie (Texter) Berringer.

Services will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God at Erie Pass and Superior Drive, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn

Calling will be Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Indian Village Church of God, Heifer Project International.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

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Billy Stonebraker

CORUNNA — Billy J. Stonebraker, 71, of Corunna died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Stonebraker was a retired lifetime DeKalb County farmer and owned and operated Stonebraker Trucking Co. from 1977 to the present.

He was a member of the Corunna Church of Christ and the Florida Flywheelers in Avon Park, Fla.

He was born in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County on June 25, 1934, to Willard A. and Gladys (Snyder) Stonebraker. They preceded him in death.

He married Nancy L. Zonker on Jan. 4, 1954, in Valdosta, Ga. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Max J. and Mary Stonebraker of Kendallville and Mark J. and Sheila Stonebraker, Matt "Joe" Stonebraker and Myron J. Stonebraker, all of Corunna; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy L. and Doug Gilpin and Laura A. Stonebraker, all of Corunna; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna Sue and Mike Van Horn of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren, Eric, Jason and Jacob Gilpin and Staci, Brooke, Jay, John, Katie, Seth, Steven, Abby, Adam, Chris and Chrystal Stonebraker; and six great-grandchildren, Gavin, Blake and Aaron Gilpin, Coedi and Madison Stonebraker and Alyssa.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Stonebraker.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with James McPeak officiating. Burial will be in the Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Church of Christ or the Fairfield Cemetery.

James Turner

WATERLOO — James H. Turner, 71, of Waterloo died Tuesday morning, Sept. 27, 2005 at his home.

Mr. Turner worked as a machinist at Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo for 28 years, retiring Aug. 6, 1999.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was stationed in Amsterdam and elsewhere in Holland during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Garrett Lighthouse Assembly of God, where he served as a deacon of the church and played bass on the church praise and worship team. Over the past three or four years, Mr. Turner and his son, Robert, played frequently at area nursing homes.

He was born Aug. 6, 1934, in Wolverine, Ky., to the Rev. William Turner and Anna (Martin) Turner. They preceded him in death.

He married Maryln Creager on Sept. 14, 1963, at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, James Turner, Brian Turner and Mark Turner, all of Waterloo, and Robert Turner of Auburn; a daughter, Bette Turner of Waterloo; a brother, Kaiser Turner of East Boston, Mass.; three sisters, Flora Foreman of Lexington, Ky., Rosalyn Gross of Jackson, Ky., and Faye Privett of Sadiesville, Ky.; two grandchildren, Kayla Lyons and Preston Elliott; and a great-nephew, Jacob DeLong.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William Turner Jr. and Arthur Turner; and a sister, Ethel Privett.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Kevin Bodey officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Dallas Christlieb

ST. JOE — Dallas L. Christlieb, 71, of St. Joe died Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Christlieb was self-employed in the timber-logging business. He was a member of the Christian Assembly of God in Butler, the DeKalb County Horseman's Association, Indiana Tractor Pullers Association, Michigan Horse Pullers Association and the Indiana Horse Pullers Association.

He was born May 19, 1934, in Auburn to Dallas L. and Myrtle (Friend) Christlieb. They preceded him in death.

He married Fay Johnston on March 1, 1959, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dallas L. Christlieb Jr. of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sally Ann and Mark Shumaker of St. Joe; two brothers, John Christlieb of Auburn and Dave Christlieb of Albion; a sister, Becky Dowden of St. Joe; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Esther Cook.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna, with the Rev. Matthew Snodderly officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

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Mildred Graham

AUBURN — Mildred E. (Berringer) Graham, 95, of Auburn died Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Graham

Mrs. Graham was a secretary with the welfare office in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1981. She also worked at the Auburn Automobile Co. for 10 years. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and was a 1928 graduate of McIntosh High School in Auburn.

She was born in Auburn to Fred and Bessie (Texter) Berringer. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, William T. Graham of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Graham of Fort Wayne and Ruth Bowman of North Manchester; three brothers-in-law, Robert Graham of Auburn, Kenneth Graham of Butler and Peter Potts of Corunna; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God at Erie Pass and Superior Drive in Auburn. Burial is in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Indian Village Church of God or Heifer Project International.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Charles Crawford

PLEASANT LAKE — Charles R. Crawford, 35, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Crawford was born in Angola on Oct. 11, 1969, to Tom A. and Linda J. (Hancock) Crawford. He married Renee S. Overbay in February 2000, and she survives.

He was a mechanic at Anderson's Inc. in Waterloo. He was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and a former member of the Pleasant Lake Fire Department.

Also surviving are a son, Brody Crawford at home; two daughters, Carlie and Kaitlyn Crawford, both at home; his father, Tom Crawford of Pleasant Lake; a grandmother, Mildred Crawford of Camden, Mich.; a brother, David Crawford of Constantine, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother; grandparents, Wilbur "Bud" and Doris Hancock; and his grandfather, Paul Crawford.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour before services on Saturday.

Memorials are to the family care of Renee Crawford.

John 'Jack' Wagner

DETROIT — John "Jack" Wagner, 79, of Detroit died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, in Detroit.

Mr. Wagner was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a longtime resident of Auburn, retiring from the DeKalb County Central United School District in 1987 after teaching and coaching for 39 years. He earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana Central University and a master's degree from Ball State University.

Born Aug. 28, 1926, in Toledo, Ohio, to Maurice and Harriett Wagner, he was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Joyce Wagner.

Surviving are four children, Cindy Koehl of Fort Wayne, Steve Wagner of Wauseon, Ohio, Chip Wagner of Leo and Chris Wagner of Richmond, Va.; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his wife, Marilyn Wagner of Sylvania, Ohio; three stepchildren, Chip Kohler of Columbus, Ohio, Becky Alexander of Herndon, Va., and Paul Kohler of Charlotte, N.C.; and 10 stepgrandchildren.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Robert Swank

ANGOLA — Robert Swank, 90, of Angola died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at home.

Mr. Swank was born Jan. 10, 1915, in Terre Haute to Carl and Myrtle (Cadwell) Swank. He married Margaret Fee on Dec. 31, 1938, in Waterloo, and she survives.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. He was a retired funeral director for Walker Funeral Home in Toledo, Ohio, and Swank Funeral Home in Ashley. He and his wife owned and operated Swank Wayside Furniture of Angola.

He was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola; a 50-year member of the Angola lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Angola Order of the Eastern Star; and a member of the Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sue and Terry Yingling of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Marsha Karl of San Jose, Calif.; two brothers, John Swank of Indianapolis and Harold Swank of Florida; and a granddaughter, Anna Plapinger of Issaquah, Wash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Deb Davis and pastoral assistant Rita Lechleidner officiating. An open house will be held after services at 405 S. Felicity St., Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Condolences can be left online at hejohnsonfh.com.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct an error.*

John 'Jack' Wagner

DETROIT — John "Jack" Wagner, 79, of Sylvania, Ohio, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, in Detroit.

Mr. Wagner was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a longtime resident of Auburn, retiring from the DeKalb County Central United School District in 1987 after teaching and coaching for 39 years. He earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana Central University and a master's degree from Ball State University.

Born Aug. 28, 1926, in Toledo, Ohio, to Maurice and Harriett Wagner, he was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Joyce Wagner.

Surviving are four children, Cindy Koehl of Fort Wayne, Steve Wagner of Wauseon, Ohio, Chip Wagner of Leo and Chris Wagner of Richmond, Va.; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his wife, Marilyn Wagner of Sylvania, Ohio; three stepchildren, Chip Kohler of Columbus, Ohio, Becky Alexander of Herndon, Va., and Paul Kohler of Charlotte, N.C.; and 10 stepgrandchildren.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

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Eric Foulk

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Eric Foulk, 2 1/2 months, of Montgomery, Mich., died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

Eric was born in Angola on July 6, 2005, to Doug and Chris (Seibert) Foulk.

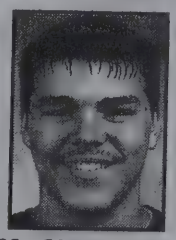
Surviving with Eric's parents are two brothers, Tegan Foulk of Garrett and Patrick Foulk of Montgomery; paternal grandfather, Chester Foulk of Montgomery; paternal grandmother, Virginia Sommers of Coldwater; maternal grandmother, Gloria Seibert of Orlando, Fla.; and great-grandmother Anna Jean Foulk of Fremont.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Fremont Cemetery, Fremont, with Dr. Gregory Chupp officiating. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Nathaniel Shumaker

KENDALLVILLE — Nathaniel Scott Shumaker, 16, died in an automobile accident on U.S. 6 in Wawaka on Friday, Sept. 30, 2005.



Mr. Shumaker

He was a sophomore at East Noble High School and a member of the East Noble Car Team. He attended the Shepherd Chapel in Gravette, Ark.

He had attended kindergarten through eighth grade at St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla.

He was born March, 11, 1989, in Kendallville to Scott A. and Lisa K. (Rathke) Shumaker. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Chad Ryan and Sasha Rathke of Kendallville; a sister, Stephanie Shumaker at home in Kendallville; a paternal grandfather and stepgrandmother, Stephen and Kelly Shumaker of St. Joe; a paternal grandmother, Jean Shumaker of Kendallville; a maternal grandmother, Patsy Dubuison of Kendallville; a maternal grandfather, Fred Rathke of Columbia City; two paternal great-grandmothers, Grace Shumaker of Sequin, Texas, and Helen Stiffner of Kendallville; and two nephews, Dimitri and Chandler Rathke of Kendallville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home Web site, www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Mr. Metz supportive father, teacher

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Kahrl Metz taught school for more than 30 years, but he never stopped teaching. In fact, he was teaching by example long before he smiled on a room full of students.

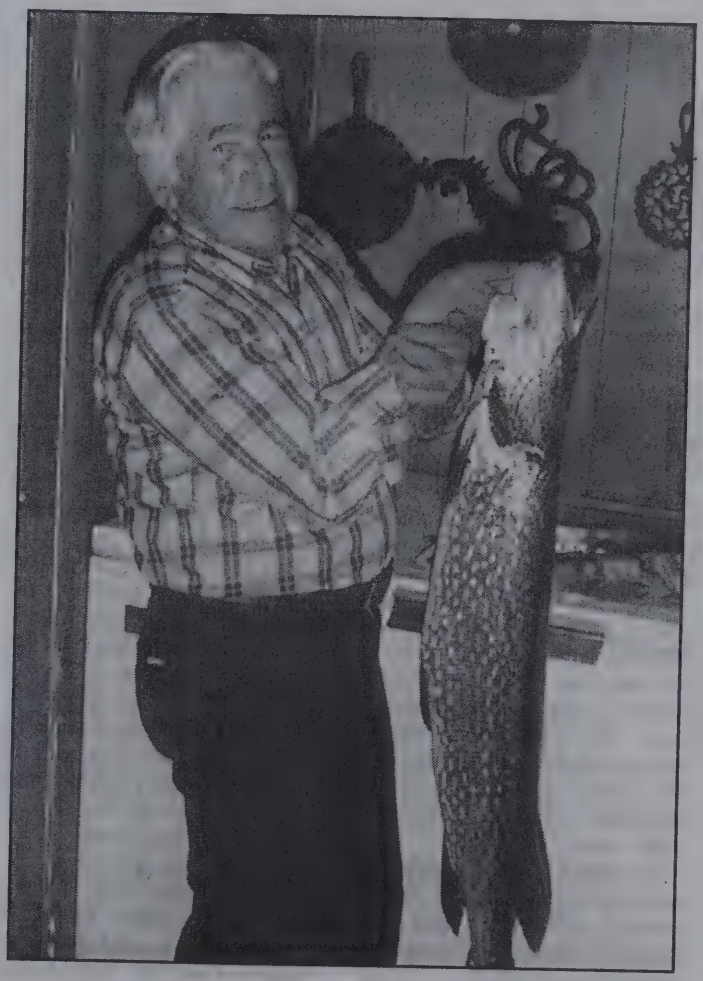
Mr. Metz, who died Sept. 17, was more than anything a father and a father of faithfulness, said Mark Metz, one of his four sons.

"He went to work every day and he always supported us," Mark Metz said. It was, he said, one of the ways of showing his love, "which otherwise wasn't always verbally spoken as much as lived out for us. He spent his time, his money and his energy on us."

Mr. Metz was an avid outdoorsman, and Mark Metz recalled: "When school was out at 3:30, he was in his Dodge station wagon on the way with us to pursue some outdoor sport.

"Fall was our season, starting with squirrels, then ducks and geese, then deer, then rabbits, quail and pheasants," Mark Metz said. When it was time to put away the guns, it was time to get out the ice fishing gear. In the spring, it was sucker fishing, mushroom hunting, and then summer gardening.

In addition to his garden, Mark Metz said, his father helped plant a future for thousands of students at Kendallville and then East Noble high schools. (This writer learned to type from Mr. Metz, at the time never dreaming that he would become a journalist. Mr. Metz promised "typing will become second nature, as easy as breathing," and it did.)



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Popular East Noble High School teacher Kahrl Metz was an avid outdoorsman, and his pride in this trophy northern pike is evident in his smile.

However, Mark Metz said, his father "planted a future for us, first, with firm loving discipline. He planted in us the seeds of responsibility, and sticking with our families and jobs."

Mr. Metz's own sense of responsibility showed when he allowed himself to be drafted in 1943, even though he was qualified for a deferment as a foreman in a defense plant.

"He took care of us as he island-hopped across the Pacific against the Japanese," Mark Metz said. "He helped pay for the free, prosperous nation we now enjoy, even before we were born."

Mark Metz said his dad was also a man of faith, though it was exhibited more by the way he lived than by words.

"He was raised in his early years in the Church of Christ, a group which sought to rediscover the life and practice of the earliest church before it was tainted by humanity," Mark Metz explained. "Actually, I think he lived that aspiration out better than he knew. The earliest followers of Jesus were not as interested in orthodoxy as in orthopraxy, which is to say that they weren't as concerned about pureness of beliefs as they were about faithful living."

Former East Noble teacher Fred Inniger remembered Mr. Metz as "someone who could turn a negative into a positive by saying something funny. He made it enjoyable to go to school," for both students and teachers, Inniger said.

"He was the person who, when you walked into the lunch room, you wanted to sit beside," Inniger continued. "You knew it was going to be a fun time."

Mr. Metz was well-suited to mentor new teachers, Inniger said. "He was always ready to share his experiences with young teachers, and he knew when to pat you on the back or when to tease. He wanted to make school — and the teaching profession — better."

Inniger recalled that when Mr. Metz retired, he commented: "The most important thing is that I worked with the greatest people and kids. I would not have wanted to be in a different place."

"He was a good man," Mark Metz summed up about his father. "I pray that we (he and brothers Ronald, Michael and Matthew) will be worthy to be remembered as well as he is ... in the best sense of the word, 'father.'"

Alfred Bauman

FORT WAYNE — Alfred G. Bauman, 84, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at Covington Manor Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Noble County, he retired from Shoemaker Inc. in Fort Wayne and was a member of Saint Michael Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Fern Bauman of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

His family lived in Auburn for several years and his nephews still live in the Auburn area.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, George, Harold and Ernest Bauman; and a sister, Clara Bushong.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Saint Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Saint Michael Lutheran School.

Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, was in charge arrangements.

Rita McClure

FREMONT — Rita A. McClure, 79, of Fremont died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005.

Mrs. McClure was born Feb. 18, 1926, in Robinson, Ill., to George and Irene (Baird) Gubelman. She was married to Dwight McClure on Oct. 3, 1942, in Robinson, and he survives.

She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Karlene McClure of Fort Wayne and Gregory and Deb McClure of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Gena Graham and Lisa and Lynn Grogg, all of Fremont; a brother, Don Gubelman of Robinson; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Jess Jessup officiating.

Calling will be one hour before services.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences can be left online at www.johnsonfh.net.

Richard Crain

FORT WAYNE — Richard L. Crain, 76, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, at his home.

He was a butcher with Parrett Packing, retiring in 1986.

He was a veteran of both the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army. He was a member of American Legion Post 47 and the United Faith Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a son, Mark Crain of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Marilyn Monticue of Ossian; a brother, Ron Hege of Auburn; a special friend, Pat Pratt of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Yvonne, in 2002.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens with military graveside rites.

Calling is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and from noon-1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to United Faith Presbyterian Church.

Carol Schueler

CONVOY, Ohio — Carol A. Schueler, 61, of Convoy died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a secretary for Bethel and North Union United Methodist churches in Van Wert and St. Thomas Lutheran Church in rural Ohio City, where she was a member.

Surviving are her husband, Halden Schueler of Convoy; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Shawn Donovan of Leo, Kevin and Lori Donovan of Fort Wayne and Aaron and Tabitha Donovan of Garrett; her mother, Ruth McBride of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Joyce McBride of Fort Wayne; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon and John Bovie of Huntertown, Penny and Harry Marshall of Churubusco, Vickie and Jim Beach of Nashville, Ind., and Connie and Steve Miller of Ossian; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) Thursday at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, with burial at Evangelical Protestant Cemetery of rural Ohio City.

Calling is from 1-4 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) Wednesday at Gearhart, Mack & Jurczyk Funeral Home in Convoy.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation or the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

John Friend

KENDALLVILLE — John H. Friend, 90, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Friend was a salesman with Sears for 15 years and at Kraft Foods for 25 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a World War II veteran, serving from 1943 to1945 as a corporal in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna, American Legion Post 97 of Kendallville and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a life member of the Kendallville post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Nov. 12, 1914, in Kendallville.

Surviving are a son, John L. Friend of Butler; two daughters, Connie Patrick of Rome City and Ilene Foglesong of Garrett; a brother, Richard Friend of Hamilton; two sisters-in-law, Rosann Friend of Hamilton and Patricia Kurtz of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Iveta Grace Kurtz; a daughter, Lani Marie Waltz; and two sisters, Murtle Christlieb and Ilene Carrick.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Vernon Rowe

ANGOLA — Vernon L. Rowe, 95, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb.

Mr. Rowe was born July 11, 1910, in Butler to Henry and Bertha (Worthington) Rowe. He was married to Geraldine Miller on Oct. 25, 1967, and she survives.

He was a member of the National Guard. He worked as a meat cutter at Van Wagner's for 27 years and was also a farmer.

He was a former member of the Angola Moose Lodge for over 25 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He raised and trained hunting dogs and horses.

Also surviving are three daughters, Anna Countryman of Hicksville, Ohio, Dorothy Gilbert of Danville, Tenn., and Janet Rowe of Hammond; two stepdaughters, Kay Salzbrenner of Angola and Sally Reinhart of Hamilton; a stepson, Tony Bolinger of Lafayette, La.; 11 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Rowe, in 2004; five sisters, Mary Zimmerman, Edith Sipe, Lulu Rowe, Thelma Dotts and Lucille Cope; and three brothers, Glen, John and Lawrence Rowe.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 1-3 p.m.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Cindy Vanderpool

AUBURN — Cindy L. Vanderpool, 49, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at her home.

She was a server at Richards Restaurant in Auburn until 2002. She loved being an aunt to her nieces and nephews.

She was born Jan. 31, 1956, in Garrett. Her father, Edison D. Shippy, survives in Corunna, and her mother, Beverly (Squier) Lawson, survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a special friend, Russell Hogan of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, David Vanderpool of Auburn and Robert Vanderpool of Fort Wayne; a brother, Edison D. Shippy Jr. of Corunna; two sisters, Joann Crace of Churubusco and Judy Hart of Auburn; six nieces and nephews, Aimee Shultzaberger of Butler, Philip Ellert of Fort Wayne, Dirk Shippy of Corunna, Ashlee Shippy of Corunna, Grason Hart of Auburn and Kelsey Lynn Hart of Auburn; two great-nephews, Adam Ellert and Joseph Shultzaberger; and a stepfather, Gene Wattier of Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna United Brethren Church.

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William 'Howard' Sink

AUBURN — William "Howard" Sink, 83, of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Sink

Mr. Sink retired from Dana Corp. as chief engineer after 33 years of service. He was well known for his work there as a design engineer and was widely known as Dana's "idea man." He held many patents, including Dana's Angle-Spring Clutch. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

He was an amateur radio operator and a member of a ham radio club and enjoyed his many friends in the club.

He served in the Army Air Force during World War II as a navigation instructor. He was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant.

He was a member of Living Waters Community Church, SBC, of Garrett.

Mr. Sink was born Aug. 3, 1922, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Doris (Smith) Sink; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jeanne Lafferty of Garland, Texas, and Audra and Wayne Wilcoxson of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Nila Sink of Auburn; seven stepchildren and their spouses, Gayle and Steve Van Allen of Garrett, Gene and Wendy Harmon of Olney, Ill., Sandra Pampe of West Salem, Ill., David and Tammy Harmon of Scheller, Ill, Don and Kim Harmon of Auburn, Tony Harmon of Auburn and his fiancee, Heather Bailey, and Janet and Will Massey of Garrett; 29 grandchildren; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russel and Nancy Ethel (Anderson) Sink; a brother, Edwin Dale Sink; and two wives, Suzanne (Smith) Sink (who was the mother of children Audra and Jerry) and Patricia (Jones) Sink.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with a military graveside service.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Living Waters Community Church in Garrett.

Dallas Christlieb

BUTLER — A memorial service for Dallas Christlieb will take place Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Christian Assembly of God in Butler.

Mr. Christlieb, 71, of St. Joe died Sept. 27, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Cindy Vanderpool

AUBURN — Cindy L. Vanderpool, 49, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at her home.

She was a server at Richards Restaurant in Auburn until 2002. She loved being an aunt to her nieces and nephews.

She was born Jan. 31, 1956, in Garrett. Her father, Edison D. Shippy, survives in Corunna, and her mother, Beverly (Squier) Lawson, survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a special friend, Russell Hogan of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, David Vanderpool of Auburn and Robert Vanderpool of Fort Wayne; a brother, Edison D. Shippy Jr. of Corunna; two sisters, Joann Crace of Churubusco and Judy Hart of Auburn; six nieces and nephews, Aimee Shultzaberger of Butler, Philip Ellert of Fort Wayne, Dirk Shippy of Corunna, Ashlee Shippy of Corunna, Grason Hart of Auburn and Kelsey Lynn Hart of Auburn; and two great-nephews, Adam Ellert and Joseph Shultzaberger.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna United Brethren Church.

Longtime Shipshewana Town Clerk Paul Wolfe, 89, dies

SHIPSHEWANA — Former LaGrange County Councilman and Shipshewana Town Clerk Paul L. Wolfe, 89, of Shipshewana died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolf had served on the County Council 12 years and as town clerk 40 years.

He had lived in LaGrange County since 1945. He was the treasurer of Wolfe Grain Co. and worked in public relations at Edd's Supply in Shipshewana.

Mr. Wolfe was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shipshewana. He was also a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and Shipshewana Lions Club.

He served 15 years on the Shipshewana Park Board and was a "grandfather" at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School.

Mr. Wolfe was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Nov. 16, 1915, in Howe to Christian G. and Aura (Swihart) Wolfe. On Nov. 16, 1943, in Fort Campbell, Ky., he married Jewell "Julie" Reader. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and James Baldwin of Richland, Mich., and Cathy and Michael Miller of Middlebury; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Christopher R. Wolfe of Bristol and Stephen P. and Cindy Wolfe of Eden Prairie, Minn.; a sister, Jeanette Locke of Winchester, Va.; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Catharine Schnelker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Mark Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Fruripmay Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the kindergarten classes at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

James Habig, Realtor and former DeKalb County councilman, commissioner, dies

AUBURN — James R. Habig, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Habig was a DeKalb County farmer from his childhood until 1971. He opened the Habig & Platt real estate office in 1973. The business became Habig Realty from 1979 to 1990 and operated as Habig Realty and Appraisal from 1990 to the present.

He was elected to the DeKalb County Council, serving from 1953 to 1970. He then won election as a DeKalb County Commissioner, serving from 1970 to 1978.

Mr. Habig served in the U.S. Army Air Force until 1945. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Auburn, the Loyal Order of Moose, Mizpah Shrine, Scottish Rite, DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214 and Auburn-Garrett York Rite.

He was born Feb. 18, 1922, in DeKalb County to Albert and Mary Eugenia (Berry) Habig. They preceded him in death.

He married Sue (Valentine) Habig on June 12, 1978, in Petoskey, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, James D. Habig of Auburn, Terry and Debby Habig of New Orleans, La., and Todd and Lara Habig of Avon; two stepdaughters, Vickie Elliott of Auburn and Sherri Carteaux and her husband, William Carteaux, of Washington, D.C.; a stepson and his wife, Randy and Nila Elliott of Auburn; four grandchildren, Scott Habig, Matthew Habig, Daniel Habig and Tyler Habig; five stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Kelby and Ephraim Shields, Ryan and Maryanne Elliott, Nicholas Grecco, Whitney Carteaux and Mallory Carteaux; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Mason Elliott and Jordan Shields.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Michael Rafferty

EMMALENA, Ky. — Michael Rafferty, 43, of Emmalena died Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at his home of natural causes.

Mr. Rafferty was a construction worker and a member of Montgomery Baptist Church.

He was born Sept. 23, 1962, in Knott County.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Tackett Rafferty; his parents, Frank and Lucy Hicks Rafferty; two sons, Austin Rafferty of Emmalena and John Crager of Garrett; seven daughters, Brandi Rafferty, Kathy Stienbarger, Essie Warner, Cassandra Luce and Candy Stienbarger, all of Emmalena, and Michelle Spencer and Lisa Ann Gephart, both of Garrett; a brother, Frank Rafferty of Emmalena; two sisters, Lucy Cora Williams and Elaine Feltner, both of Hazard, Ky., and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at noon (Indiana time) in the Montgomery Baptist Church at Carrie, Ky., with Charlie Mosley and Ricky Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the Hicks-Combs Cemetery at Emmalena.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home of Hindman, Ky., is handling arrangements.

C. Bernadine Sheeler

COLUMBIA CITY — C. Bernadine "Bea" Sheeler, 85, of Columbia City died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at Oaks Living Care Center in Columbia City.

Mrs. Sheeler

She was born June 27, 1920, in Paris, Ill., to Clint A. and Cora (Baughman) Kraemer.

She graduated from Paris High School in Paris, Ill., with the class of 1938, then attended Mrs. Holt's School for Secretaries in Washington, D.C., for two years.

She moved to Alexandria, Va., in 1938 and worked at its city hall until 1941. She then moved to Arlington, Va., and worked as a typist for the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington, D.C., until September 1945. She attended business college while working.

She married Phil L. Sheeler on Feb. 28, 1945, in Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Sheeler lived in Allen County for three years after her marriage. She moved to Columbia City in May 1948.

She was a homemaker and served as a volunteer at Miller's Merry Manor for 25 years. She was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia City, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Altar Guild and St. John's Fellowship Circle.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Lois Sheeler of Dallas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan and Ted Smith of Bluffton and Carla Emig of Louisville, Ky.; one daughter-in-law, Cheryl Sheeler of Auburn; nine grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a sister and brother-in-law, Imogene and Paul Parris of Enon, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Gary L. Sheeler; a grandson, Travis Sheeler; and two brothers, Carl and Clyde Kraemer.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church of Columbia City, with Pastor David Mommens officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetey of Columbia City.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church or the church building fund.

Condolences may be posted at www.demoneygrimes.com.

Bernadine Church

BUTLER — Bernadine Church, 56, of Butler died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2005, at her home.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 15, 1948, in Wayne County, W. Va. Her parents, Bliss Church and Margaret (York) Healy, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a friend, David Warstler of Butler; a son, Emeric Hanna of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Racene Hanna of Fort Wayne and Regina and Peter Hartzell of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; four brothers, Darrell and Ernie Church of Angola, Danny Church of Hamilton and Randy Church of West Unity, Ohio; six sisters, Bethel Dickeson of Cattlesburgh, Ky., Opal Ford of Arton, Ohio, Yvonne Payne of Kendallville, Veva Ann Edwards of Buffalo, Mo., and Alva Jean Rankin and Thelma Kay Church, both of Florida; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Bliss, Johnny and Kevin Church; and a sister, Gail Boulware.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in the Big Run Cemetery, near Butler.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be left at hejohnsonfh.com.

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October 7 2005 Auburn, Indiana

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct location of services.*

Paul Wolfe

SHIPSHEWANA — Former LaGrange County Councilman and Shipshewana Town Clerk Paul L. Wolfe, 89, of Shipshewana died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolf had served on the County Council 12 years and as town clerk 40 years.

He had lived in LaGrange County since 1945. He was the treasurer of Wolfe Grain Co. and worked in public relations at Edd's Supply in Shipshewana.

Mr. Wolfe was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. He was also a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and Shipshewana Lions Club.

He served 15 years on the Shipshewana Park Board and was a "grandfather" at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School.

Mr. Wolfe was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Nov. 16, 1915, in Howe to Christian G. and Aura (Swihart) Wolfe. On Nov. 16, 1943, in Fort Campbell, Ky., he married Jewell "Julie" Reader. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and James Baldwin of Richland, Mich., and Cathy and Michael Miller of Middlebury; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Christopher R. Wolfe of Bristol and Stephen P. and Cindy Wolfe of Eden Prairie, Minn.; a sister, Jeanette Locke of Winchester, Va.; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Catharine Schnelker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Fruripmay Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the kindergarten classes at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Elinor Kyte

TUSCON, Ariz. — Elinor (Diederich) Clemons Kyte, 82, died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, in Tuscon, Ariz.

A brief graveside ceremony will be conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

A longtime resident of Flagstaff, Ariz., she was residing in Tucson at the time of her death.

Born Nov. 2, 1922, in Garrett to Frank and Edith Diederich, she ranked as the valedictorian of the Garrett High School graduating class of 1940.

In 1943 she enlisted in the U.S. Navy and for the duration of World War II, she served in Corpus Christi, Texas, as an instructor in instrument flight.

She attended Valparaiso University, the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Miami University of Ohio, and the University of Texas. She was awarded a doctorate in linguistics from the University of Texas in 1961.

In 1961, she accepted a teaching position at Arizona State College, now Northern Arizona University. She was a member of the English department for more than 25 years and introduced the concept of English as a second language, designed to help Native American and foreign students.

She loved to travel and visited six continents of the world. She was a regular jogger for several years, until her health failed.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Morton R. Clemons, in 1951, and by her second husband, Dr. George W. Kyte, in 2003.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Barry Markson; a son and daughter-in-law, Samuel and Mary Clemons, and three grandchildren, Benjamin, Elizabeth, and Margaret Clemons; and several cousins.

A memorial service was held Sept. 7 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Flagstaff.

Memorials may be directed to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and School, 2605 N. Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Mary Iddings

AUBURN — Mary D. Christlieb Iddings, 93, of Auburn, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Iddings

Born in Ari, near Churubusco, she was a nurses aide for 25 years, retiring in 1980.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

Surviving are two sons, George Byron Iddings of Auburn and William F. Iddings of West Virginia; five daughters, Wanda M. Conley of Kendallville, Blanche "Peg" Iddings of Auburn, Sandra Rutherford of Auburn, Linda Dilley of Auburn and Lois Harp of Kendallville; a sister, Leona Friend of Kendallville; many nieces and nephews; 21 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert B. Iddings, who died in December 1962; a son, Donald R.; four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, at Erie Pass and Superior Drive in Auburn. Pastor Randy Callaway will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Food Bank.

THE EVENING STAR

October 9 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Community leader impacted kids' lives

BY WANDA YODER
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SHIPSHEWANA — Noted community leader and former Shipshewana Town Clerk Paul Wolfe, who died Wednesday, will be missed by many in LaGrange County and the Shipshewana community — perhaps most by students at a local elementary school.

Wolfe was a volunteer at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School, interacting with students.

"Paul would come one time every week — without fail," said Dena Martin, kindergarten teacher at the school.

Martin, who has been with Westview School Corp. for 27 years, explained how Wolfe, who spent 11 years volunteering in her classes at the school, interacted with the children — playing board games, building and flying kites, working on woodworking projects, pushing them on the swings and attending field trips with the classroom.

"I haven't had anyone since he left. Each week at the time he arrived, children would run to give him hugs. Each one felt special — he was a blessing to every one in the classroom. He would enter with 'How are my kiddies today.' He was a delight and always cheerful — a welcoming, generous, gentle soul," Martin remembered.

Mr. Wolfe

"He was generous with his time and cared so much for them.

The Wolfe family has asked that memorials be directed to the kindergarten classes at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School, as well as to the church.

Martin said she hoped to use the money toward a lasting remembrance of him. "He will be thought of warmly with whatever we buy. He helped out wherever he could and I expect he would be up there looking down—smiling," Martin added.

Shipshewana Town Council president Roger Yoder described Wolfe as "a gentleman. He will be missed in the community. I looked up to him quite a bit."

Wolfe served as the town's clerk for 40 years, and on the Shipshewana Park Board for 15 years. He was also on the LaGrange County Council for 12 years.

He moved to LaGrange County in 1945. He was treasurer of Wolfe Grain Co. and also worked in public relations at Edd's Supply in Shipshewana.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. He was also a veteran of World War II and member of the LaGrange American Legion and the Shipshewana Lions Club.

Paul Mishler of Mishler Packing Co. worked with Wolfe through the grain elevator, on the park board and Town Council. "He was a good man and did lots of things for the community. Paul was the town clerk at the time the Wolfe Building was constructed in memory of Ed Wolfe, Paul's uncle, and was instrumental in getting it done," Mishler remembered.

"He was a good neighbor," Mishler added. Mishler lives one-quarter mile south of the Wolfe residence.

Services are at 11 a.m. today at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana. Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Bertha Covey

AUBURN — Bertha L. Covey, 70, of Auburn died Friday, Oct. 7, 2005.

Mrs. Covey was born in Michigan on Feb. 8, 1935, to Ralph and Alta Irene (Jones) Renick. She was married to Keith Covey Sr., who preceded her in death in 1999.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

Surviving are a stepbrother, Ernie Neeley of Antwerp, Ohio; a sister, Annabelle Baughman of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Ella Mae Ashley and Eva Haviland; a half-sister, Lucille Fender; five grandchildren and their spouses, Nichole and Ronald Berry, Robert Waller, Markcus Bradley, Alicia Covey and Stephen Covey; three great-grandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a stepson, Keith Covey Jr. in 2004; and a daughter, Kathlenne Ann (Greenwood) Waller, in 1981.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Randy Callaway officiating. Calling will he Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Carol Marks

AUBURN — Carol Jean Marks, 60, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was an avid bingo player and loved fishing and the Chicago Cubs.

She was born Aug. 22, 1945, in Auburn to Raymond and Kathryn (Bowman) Marks. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister, Janet Marks of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, James Marks Sr.; and two half-brothers, Robert E. and Cleo L. Marks.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society for cancer research or to the family.

Anthony Contadellucci

AUBURN — Anthony J. Contadellucci, 80, of Auburn died Friday, Oct. 7, 2005, at 7:45 p.m. in Regency Place at Fort Wayne.

He was a World War II Veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force and a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett, the Moose Lodge in Auburn and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. He loved football, fishing, gardening and traveling.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Burniston Contadellucci; three stepsons and two stepdaughters, Jack and Glory Rothger, Steven and Vickie Rothger and Daniel Rothger; nine stepgrandchildren and nine stepgreat-grandchildren; seven children; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Private services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Barry Gerbers

WOLCOTTVILLE — Barry L. Gerbers, 58, of Wolcottville died unexpectedly early Friday morning in Delaware County.

Mr. Gerbers was retired and had driven a truck for many companies.

He spent most of his life in LaGrange County and attended Salem Center High School. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1968.

Mr. Gerbers was a member of the Kendallville VFW Post, Edwardsburg American Legion, Kendallville Eagles Lodge and the Funnel Club at Lake of the Woods.

He was born Oct. 24, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Betty (Dill) Gerbers.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Stacie Gerbers of New Haven; a daughter and her fiancé, Dawn Renee Wolos and Lincoln Miller of Garrett; his stepfather, Don Dyer of Hudson; a brother and daughter-in-law, Dave and Trish Gerbers of Cassopolis, Mich.; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Beth and Cork Young of Wolcottville, Barb and Charlie Rasler of LaGrange, Denise Harp of Stroh and Kim and Lance Taylor of Howe; three stepbrothers, Tim Dyer, Joe Dyer and Doug Dyer; his longtime best friend, Barb Stoots of Wolcottville; six grandchildren, Cierra, Chelsea, Cayla and Cylea Gerbers, Joseph Wolos and Keegan Miller; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Francis Vineyard VFW Post, 127 Veterans Way in Kendallville, with the VFW chaplain officiating.

Memorials are to the family through the funeral home.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Lillian Wiley

GARRETT — Lillian L. (Bartels) Wiley, 79, of Garrett died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, at 10:25 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wiley worked for Renaissance Publishing in Auburn for 15 years, retiring in 1988. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was born July 11, 1926, in Garrett to Harold F. and Minnie Bartels. They preceded her in death.

She married Ray F. Wiley on July 7, 1946, in Auburn. He died June 28, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, Debra Wiley of Garrett; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry Wiley of Chicago, Steve and Sarah Wiley of Eutawville, S.C., and Tom and Mary Wiley of Thorn Hill, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, Merlin Bartels of Garrett; and two sisters, Virginia Bartels of Garrett and Thelma Kruger of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Casey; and a brother, Ervin Bartels.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional and corrected information.*

Bertha Covey

AUBURN — Bertha L. Covey, 70, of Auburn died Friday, Oct. 7, 2005.

Mrs. Covey was a homemaker and a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She was born in Michigan on Feb. 8, 1935, to Ralph and Alta Irene (Jones) Renick.

Her husband, Keith Covey Sr., preceded her in death in 1999.

Surviving are a stepbrother, Ernie Neeley of Antwerp, Ohio; a sister, Annabelle Baughman of Pleasant Lake; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gary and Carol Covey of Fort Wayne, Chuck and Karen Covey and Bob and Barb Covey, all of Huntertown, Helen and John Whittenburger of Fort Wayne and Judy Alford of Bluffton; five grandchildren and their spouses, Nichole and Ronald Berry, Robert Waller, Markcus Bradley, Alicia Covey and Stephen Covey; three great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by a stepson, Keith Covey Jr., in 2004; a daughter, Kathlenne Ann (Greenwood) Waller, in 1981; two sisters, Ella Mae Ashley and Eva Haviland; and a half-sister, Lucille Fender.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Randy Callaway officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from noon-2 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

J. Elaine Danner

AUBURN — J. Elaine Danner, 93, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, at The Village of Heritage in Monroeville.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a mother and enjoyed a variety of crafts.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Everett and Barbara Sue Danner of Oneida, Tenn., and Lawrence E. Danner of Woodburn; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Barbara S. Marks of Fort Wayne, Bonnie J. and Ronald Taylor of Hamilton, Sandra L. and Ronald Wellman of Cromwell, Patricia A. and Neil Woodruff of Spencerville; 15 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Beatrice Bonifas.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. The Rev. Rick Fletcher will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Village of Heritage, where her family said she received tender, loving care.

Isabelle Cady

AUBURN — Isabelle M. Cady, 87, of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Born in Danville, Ill., she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Albion Eagles 2455 and attended the Auburn First United Methodist Church. She loved bingo and the Chicago Cubs.

Surviving are three sisters, Juanita Leitch of Fort Wayne, Ruth Uhrick of Albion and Barbara Miller of Greenwood.

Mrs. Cady

She was preceded in death by her father, David A. Ramsey; her mother, Estella M. Collings; her first husband, Karl A. Karn in 1948; her second husband, Ralph Cady in 1973; a son, Ronald Karn; two sisters, Estella Roberts and Beverly Diver; and two brothers, William R. and David J. Ramsey.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Wesley Healthcare.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Popplewell

ANGOLA — Robert B. Popplewell, 82, of Angola died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Popplewell was born Nov. 15, 1922, in Perrysburg, Ohio. to Beecham and Vesta (Davenport) Popplewell. He married Vergie O. Hollinger on Nov. 1, 1963, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 19, 2000.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, serving in World War II.

He was a decoratof. He was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola, and formerly worked at Libby Owens Ford in Rossford, Ohio. He enjoyed visiting at McDonald's.

Surviving are a special friend, Ethel Green of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Renard Przymierski and Gail and Henry Stroll, all of Toledo, Ohio; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Robert and Sherry Moore of Knox and James and Sharon Moore of Butler; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Elizabeth Anne and Nick Myers of Chandler, Ariz.; a sister and brother-in-law, June and Walter Hansan of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Arlene Popplewell of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Glen, Ron and Wayne Popplewell; and a sister, Violet Hill.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Stiller officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Marguerite Spaulding

FORT WAYNE — Marguerite Spaulding, 81, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne native, she had been a legal secretary and a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Floyd A. Spaulding; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Timothy Biggins of Fort Wayne; a son, Gregory Spaulding of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, William J. and Dorothy Long of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Nick C. and Hazel Long; a sister, Roseanne Long; and a brother, John Long.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., with Father Robert Schulte officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with a rosary service at 7 p.m. Additional calling will be Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Mildred Shreve

FORT WAYNE — Mildred P. Shreve, 86, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She lived in Garrett for 67 years before moving to Fort Wayne in 1986. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and St. Charles Catholic Church.

She was born July 22, 1919, in Garrett to Herman and Frances (Heinlen) VanDerbosch. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy Beaty of Fort Wayne and Marcia Shreve and her friend, Karen Horn, of San Jose, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Ferry of Indianapolis, Tricia Marshall and husband, Nick, of Mountain View, Calif., Sean Ferry and wife, Sara, of Land O'Lakes, Fla., Brian Ferry and wife, Rachele, of St. Charles, Ill., Shannon Ferry of San Francisco, Calif., Krista Perlman of Noblesville and Kendra Forte and husband, Tony, of Fort Wayne; eight great-grandchildren, Drake and Sebastian Ferry of Land O'Lakes, Garrett and Georgia Ferry of St. Charles, Michael and Nate Perlman of Noblesville and Drew and Maddie Forte of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Gloria Kaake of Alpharetta, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mack Shreve, on Jan. 2, 1984; a brother, Philip R. VanDerbosch, and two sisters, Lucille Reeves and Margaret Gremeno.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Monday after 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society to help fund breast cancer research.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Andrew Williams

BUTLER — Andrew Dennis Williams died Thursday evening, Oct. 13, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He was born there earlier Thursday.

Surviving are his parents, Daniel and Heather Williams of Butler; a brother, Michael Williams of Butler; grandparents, Glenn and Juanita Williams of Pioneer, Ohio, and Russ and Tina Tucker of Spencerville; great-grandparents, Dale and Charlene Williams of Pioneer and Joe and Mary Kay Tucker of Spencerville; and aunts and uncles, Michael and Amanda Jackson, Chad Jackson, Barb Monday and Donna Williams.

Friends and family will gather at 3 p.m. today at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. A service will follow with Pastor Wayne Sweely officiating.

Burial will be Monday in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Memorials are to the family.

Robert Hose

BUTLER — Robert L. Hose, 75, of rural Butler died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at 10:05 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne after an illness of several months.

Mr. Hose

Mr. Hose was a farmer and was employed at Dana Corp., retiring in 1987 with 30 years of service. He was a member of Butler Church of Christ.

He was born March 26, 1930, near Edgerton, Ohio, the son of Frank L. and Mary (Bovlick) Hose.

He married Nora J. Richards on Jan. 14, 1951, in Edgerton. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Rick Stiver of Edgerton and Cheryl and Carl Yarger of Butler; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Douglas Hose, in 1984; and four sisters, Lois Gleason, Gertrude Reese, Ann Sanxter and Maxine Jerger.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in Butler Church of Christ, with Pastor Frank Weller officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Tuesday after 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton.

Memorials are to Butler Church of Christ or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Fort Wayne businessman James Kelley, chairman of Kelley Automotive, dies at 87

FORT WAYNE — James E. Kelley, 87, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, at his home.

A native of Decatur, he was a 1936 graduate of Spencerville High School and was a self-taught entrepreneur.

Mr. Kelley

He was chairman of Kelley Automotive Group, formed in 1952, which grew to include auto dealerships in Fort Wayne, Decatur and Evansville and others in Florida and Georgia.

Mr. Kelley formed Fort Wayne Leasing in 1954 and later sold the business to Ryder Truck Rental. He started Jim Kelley Leasing in 1969 and was a pioneer in retail vehicle leasing.

He was a co-founder with Lester Myers of Myers Field, where they formed Kelley Flying Service. Renamed Fort Wayne Flying Service, the business moved to Baer Field, where it remained for 40 years. He was a certified flight instructor and, by the 1980s, was a leading independent reseller and lessor of corporate jet aircraft.

He owned Fairview and Brookwood golf courses as well as Sycamore Hills Golf Club, designed by Jack Nicklaus.

Mr. Kelley was a devoted giver of time and money to charitable organizations that helped the needy. He was a founding member of the Mad Anthony Charity Classic for Children and a benefactor of Canterbury School.

He was named Indiana's Citizen of the Year in 2001 by Gov. Frank O'Bannon, who awarded him the state's highest honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Mike Horton and Barbara and Martin Kraegel, all of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Patty Kelley of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and her husband, Carlabeth and Paul Mathias of Fishers; a brother, John, of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Ruth Jansen of North Port, Fla., Mary Kelley of Fort Wayne, Dorothy Kimes of Auburn and Fay Deright of Murietta, Calif.; nine grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Mary Lavon Kelley; two brothers, Richard and Robert; and one sister, Lucille Kelley.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in The Chapel, 2505 West Hamilton Road, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at The Chapel.

D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Mr. Kelley's favorite charities or to the Kelley Family Foundation.

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Wesley Towns

HAMILTON — Wesley J. Towns, 74, of Hamilton died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, at home.

Mr. Towns was a manufacturing supervisor at Magnavox/Raytheon in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 24, 1931, in Cedar Springs, Mich., to Claude and Bertha (King) Towns. He married Ada Williams on May 5, 2001, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Scott Towns of Garrett; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Jerry and Lisa Handschy of Harlan; two daughters and a son-in-law, Colleen and Duane Creiger of Auburn and Tamara Towns of Churubusco; a stepdaughter, Brenda Handschy of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Ann Towns of Alturas, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Bernice and Irwin Cooper of Cold Springs, Mich.; a granddaughter; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Jesse Wolfe; and three brothers, Clinton, George and Lewis Towns.

There will be no services or calling.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

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October 18 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Frederick Rosener

WOODBURN — Fredrick Donald Rosener, 87, of Woodburn died Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Woodburn, Mr. Rosener was a lifelong farmer and a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn.

He was a 45-year member of the Woodburn Volunteer Fire department, a 48-year member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club and a 20-year member of the Historical Automobile Association of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane K. and Carl Sargent of Woodburn; a son, Steven F. Rosener of Woodburn; a brother, Norman "John" Rosener of Auburn; and an aunt, Cecile Neuenschwander of Payne, Ohio.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the Woodburn Volunteer Fire Department.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Wesley Towns

HAMILTON — Wesley J. Towns, 74, of Hamilton died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Towns was a manufacturing supervisor at Magnavox/Raytheon in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 24, 1931, in Cedar Springs, Mich., to Claude and Bertha (King) Towns. He married Ada Williams on May 5, 2001, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Scott Towns of Garrett; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Jerry and Lisa Handschy of Harlan; two daughters and a son-in-law, Colleen and Ronald Creiger of Auburn and Tamara Towns of Churubusco; a stepdaughter, Brenda Handschy of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Ann Towns of Alturas, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Bernice and Irwin Cooper of Cold Springs, Mich.; a granddaughter; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Jesse Wolfe; and three brothers, Clinton, George and Lewis Towns.

No services or calling are planned at this time.

Arrangements were handled by Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Terri Lee Boyd

GARRETT — Terri Lee Boyd, 41, of Garrett died Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, at her home.

Ms. Boyd

Born in Pomona, Calif., she was a route driver for Bertsch Food Service in Garrett.

She attended Calvary Chapel and was a member of the ABATE Motorcycle Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Boyd of Garrett; her mother, Betty Vieyra of Arizona; two brothers, Raymond Vieyra and John Vieyra; two sisters, Bettie Vieyra and Jesse Petroni, both of Arizona; and her fiance, Bruce Keurzoneff of Garrett.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Fred Bodinka

SPENCERVILLE — Fred Bodinka, 51, of Spencerville died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was a burner/operator at Art Ifon for 28 years.

Surviving are his wife, Patty Bodinka of Spencerville; his mother, Marie E. (Kohaupt) Bodinka; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl and Jan Bodinka and Steve and Tammy Bodinka; his mother-in-law, Betty Weber; and four brothers-in-law and their spouses, James and Kim Weber, David and Sue Alexander, Dick and Carol Alexander and Charles Weber Jr.

His father, Golf Bodinka, preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 6 p.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Calling is from 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Neal Frye

HAMILTON — Neal Frye, 77, of rural Butler died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Frye was a laborer, retiring from International Harvester in 1983. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born in 1928 in Fort Wayne to Jerome and Druzella (Price) Frye. They preceded him in death.

He married Jeannette Osterloh in 1969 in Indiana, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Neal D. and Anne Frye of Pleasant Lake; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Evelyn and Glen Noyes of Chula Vista, Calif., and Deborah and Glenn Ratcliff and Pamela Rhodes, all of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerome P. and Opal Frye of Pleasant Lake; and a sister, Patricia Geroff of Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, 1160 W. Main St., Pleasant Lake, with the Rev. Jerry Felts officiating.

Calling will be immediately before the service.

Memorials are to the Woodburn Christian Children's Home, 24902 Notestine Road, Woodburn, IN 46797; the Rescue Mission and Charis House of Fort Wayne, P.O. Box 11116, Fort Wayne, IN 46855; or DeKalb Memorial Hospice, 221 N. Main St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Condolences may be sent to the family and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home of Hamilton is handlling arrangements.

Mary Lou Miller

ANGOLA — Mary Lou (Anspaugh) Miller, 67, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was born Dec. 13, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Merrill and Mary (Amons) Anspaugh. She lived in Fort Wayne for nearly 40 years before moving to West Otter Lake. She and her husband of 50 years, Jack, had also spent seven months of the year in Avon Park, Fla., since 1980.

In Avon Park, she had worked part-time as a cashier or in jobs seeking to serve the area's elderly. She had also worked at Prairie Heights High School, retiring in 1980.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Darrell and Dan Miller, both of Angola; a daughter, Debby Taylor Dominique of Auburn; two sisters, Barbara Feichter and Joyce Hinen, both of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Kenny Anspaugh of Churubusco, Butch Anspaugh of Hoagland and Lyle Bowling of Deming, N.M.; three grandchildren, Nicole, Brooke and Jack Daniel "J.D."; and 15 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Taylor.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, PO Box 273, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Eldon Beiswanger

KENDALLVILLE — Eldon Beiswanger, 80, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, at his residence at The Lamplighter.

Mr. Beiswanger

Mr. Beiswanger graduated from Kendallville High School in 1943 and was a 70-year member of South Milford Church of Christ.

He was a veal farmer and was employed for 18 years with Farm Credit Services. He was branch manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of northeastern Indiana serving Noble, DeKalb and Steuben counties until 1980.

Since 1968, he was a real estate broker and was employed with Schrader Real Estate and Auction Co. in the past. He was a member of the Indiana and American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Born in South Milford on March 25, 1925, he was the son of Fred W. and Edna C. (Thomas) Beiswanger. He married Shirley Ellen Liebing Walker on June 29, 1980, in the old building of the South Milford Church of Christ. The couple celebrated their 25th anniversary in June this year. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, David Beiswanger of South Milford; a daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Glenn Stutzman of Goshen; the children's mother, Berneta Ruth (Wittkamper) Beiswanger of South Milford; a daughter-in-law and her husband, Susan and Jim Mertz of Pretty Lake; a sister, Jean Aungst of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, LeRoy and Lou Beiswanger of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Sandra Brady of LaGrange; a stepson, Craig Walker of Angola; five grandsons, Dane Beiswanger of Portland, Drew Beiswanger of Wolcottville and Brandon, Bradley and Brady Stutzman, all of Goshen; a granddaughter, Danielle Beiswanger of Wolcottville; a great-grandson, Dorane Jay Beiswanger of Portland; a great-granddaughter, Zion Marie Beiswanger of Portland; four stepgrandchildren, Brad Walker of Angola, Kimberly Clouse and Shelly Williams, both of Kendallville, and Tonya Householder of Orlando, Fla.; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at South Milford Church of Christ with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be at a later date in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information about memorial gifts.*

Terri Lee Boyd

GARRETT — Terri Lee Boyd, 41, of Garrett died Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, at her home.

Ms. Boyd

Born in Pomona, Calif., she was a route driver for Bertsch Food Service in Garrett.

She attended Calvary Chapel and was a member of the ABATE Motorcycle Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Boyd of Garrett; her mother, Betty Vieyra of Arizona; two brothers, Raymond Vieyra and John Vieyra; two sisters, Bettie Vieyra and Jesse Petroni, both of Arizona; and her fiance, Bruce Keurzoneff of Garrett.

Graveside services will be today at 2 p.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Jennifer Lee Boyd Memorial Fund, in care of Garrett State Bank, P.O. Box 29, Garrett IN 46738. For more information, contact Terry at (888) 637-5045.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Keith Deetz

HUDSON — Keith D. Deetz, 83, of rural Hudson died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Deetz was born in Helmer to Lawrence and Daisy (Van Pelt) Deetz. He was a self-employed truck driver.

He married Dorothy Moore on May 17, 1945, in Mishawaka, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Sherry Deetz of Martinsville and Rick and Dolly Deetz of LaGrange; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Don Norfleet of Clarksville, Tenn., Laura and Kyle Leslie of Angola and Tammy and David Carter of Lexington, Ky.; a brother, DeWan Deetz of Auburn; 19 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Annabelle Smith.

There will be no services or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, was in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be left online at www.johnsonfh.net.

Thomas Bixler Jr.

ST. JOE — Thomas Edward Bixler Jr., 32, of St. Joe died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, in St. Joe.

Mr. Bixler was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his mother, Luetta Mendenhall of St. Joe; his father, Thomas Bixler Sr. of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Jeremy Bixler and Colton Mendenhall, both of St. Joe; two sisters, Jessica Abbott of Garrett and Roberta Hodge of Missouri; his paternal grandparents, Edward and Marna Bixler, both of Fort Wayne; and his maternal grandfather, Joseph Main of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Gloria Boyles; and an aunt, Janice Koch.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Raymond Draper Sr.

BUTLER — Raymond W. Draper Sr., 77, of Butler died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Draper

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Draper worked as a truck driver for Fort Wayne Foundry for seven years, retiring in 1991. He also was a truck driver for Commercial Motor Freight of Indiana in Fort Wayne for 30 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, serving from 1945 to 1954.

He was a member of the Sacred Order of the Golden Dragon (32nd Degree), American Legion, AFL-CIO Local 285 and Mission Teamster Local 414.

Surviving are his wife, Lila Draper of Butler; six daughters and five sons-in-law, Bonnie and Steve Grimme of Warren, Imogene and Rick Schoof of Auburn, Nancy and Bill Gaier of Henderson, Nev., Vivinn K. Laudis of Boulder City, Nev., Jennifer and Ralph Johnston of Garrett and Chris and Steve Siebenaler of Edon, Ohio; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Clarence Nicole of Fort Wayne, Jeff Nicole of Ashley, Raymond W. Draper Jr. and his wife, Kelly, of Hamilton and Clint W. Draper of Auburn; 23 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bub E. and Alice Breck of Fort Wayne and Charles and Barbara Roberts of Garrett; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine and Charles Shaw of Fort Wayne and Marie Roberts of Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Mike Draper, in December 2004; and two brothers, William and Carl Draper.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Frank Weller officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Veterans Administration Hospital or the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Sue Miller

ASHLEY — Sue Miller, 61, of Ashley died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005, at home.

Mrs. Miller was born in Butler on Sept. 2, 1944, to Edward and Betty M. (Jetmore) Lautzenhiser. She was employed by TI Automotive in Ashley for 10 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Janelle Ferrier of Hudson; five sons, Tim Miller of Hudson, Jeffery Miller of Angola, Brett Miller of Fremont and John Miller and Butch Miller, both of Ashley; six sisters, Florence Bivens of Sarasota, Fla., Laura L. Pavgo of Pensacola, Fla., Lois I. Westfall of Sheridan, Mich., Mary E. DeGraw of Waterloo, Ruth E. Alison of McNeill, Miss., and Sarah M. Hawk of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Dwight Eugene Hall of Auburn, David P. Lautzenhiser of Richmond, Va., Floyd S. Lautzenhiser of Avilla and Jonathan F. Lautzenhiser and Thomas J. Lautzenhiser, both of Huntington; and four grandchildren, Alexis J. Darling, Nicodemus J. Miller, Valarie C. Ferrier and Mallory J. Miller.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Volkert; and a brother, Arthur Lautzenhiser.

Private services and calling are planned.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be left online at www.johnsonfh.net.

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Mildred Zimmer

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Mildred M. Zimmer, 64, of Sherwood, Ohio, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, at Harborside Healthcare of Northwest Ohio, Bryan, where she had been a resident for the past month.

Mrs. Zimmer

Mrs. Zimmer had been a cashier for Wal-Mart for eight years and was also a Realtor with Zimmer Realty and Auctioneering for 10 years. She was a member of the Butler Eagles Aerie No. 2733.

She was born Sept.17, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio, to Harold and Laura (Arnold) Impton. She married Larry Zimmer on Feb. 24, 1958, in Bryan, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 26, 1996.

Surviving are her two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Shawn Pinkston of Sherwood and Teresa and Jeff Finch of Waterloo; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Terry Zimmer of Napoleon, Ohio, David Zimmer of Defiance, Ohio, and Steve and Diane Zimmer of Edgerton, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Julie Zimmer; a grandson, Larry Zimmer; two brothers, Wayne and Donald Impton; and a sister, June Hutchins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) Saturday at Krill Funeral Home, Bryan, with the Rev. George Alley officiating. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery, rural Bryan.

Calling will be today from 2 to 7 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Williams or Defiance County. Condolences may be sent and the guest register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Robert Ginder

BUTLER — Robert D. Ginder, 80, died Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Center in Butler.

Mr. Ginder was a member and past commander of Butler American Legion. He was a 50-year member of Forest Lodge 239 F.&A.M. and served as past master in 1957. He was also a former justice of the peace in Butler and a 20-year member of the Butler Fire Department, serving as chief for two years.

Mr. Ginder

He was born Sept. 10, 1925, in Butler to Frank and Goldie (Harter) Ginder. He graduated from Butler High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Mary Louise Strock on May 21, 1949, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Kerry and Dana Ginder of Auburn, Kip and Kristy Ginder of Orlando, Fla., and Kris and Wendy Ginder of Butler; four daughters and sons-in-law, Kathie and Don Mitchell of Fort Wayne, Kay and Jack Rowlison of Butler, Kenda and Rick Kimmel of Spencerville and Kelli and Greg Kenner of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mayola Walter and Lois and Fred Fry, all of Butler; nine grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Earl Ginder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler. Pastor Daniel Eckart will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery with military honors by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Marjorie Johnson

COLUMBIA CITY — Marjorie L. Johnson, 80, died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in Community Hospital at Anderson, where she was admitted Oct. 3.

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson was born Nov. 29, 1924, in Auburn to Hugh and Mary Bell (Snyder) Robbins. She spent her formative years in Auburn.

On June 1, 1946, she married Ross Eugene Johnson Sr. They lived in Auburn, Garrett, Waterloo, Cromwell and Churubusco, then in Pierceton for 15 years and in Columbia City for five years.

After Mr. Johnson died Dec. 12, 1988, she moved to South Whitley and later to Jasonville, Brazil and finally Anderson.

She was employed by Blue Bell for 10 years and retired from Essex with many years of service.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Michele Johnson of Columbia City, Ross and Michelle Johnson of California, James and Teresa Galloway of South Whitley and Ricky and Rebecca Johnson of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Truly Wolfe of Waterloo and Zarada and Ken Brockway of Anderson; 23 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two great-great-granddaughters; and a brother, Wilbur Robbins of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Valencia A. Galloway; a son, Terry Johnson; six brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. The Rev. Phillip J. Blake will officiate. Burial will be in Tamarack Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com.

Luella McCullough

COLUMBIA CITY — Luella Poffenberger McCullough, 85, of Columbia City died at 3 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Columbia City. She had been a resident there since October 2003.

Mrs. McCullough

She was born June 28, 1920, in DeKalb County to Glen and Zella (Schwartz) Romine. She grew up in DeKalb County and graduated from Spencerville High School.

On June 12, 1937, she married John Poffenberger. They made their home in DeKalb County until 1946, when they moved to Fort Wayne. Mr. Poffenberger died in 1972.

In June 1973, she married Alvin McCullough. They made their home in Fort Wayne, later moving to Warsaw, where they resided for 10 years. After Mr. McCullough died in 1986, she returned to Fort Wayne until 1991, when she moved to Columbia City.

She was employed at the Wayne Township trustee's office and Allen County License Bureau and retired from the Allen County Highway Department.

Her church affiliation was with the Columbia City Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Barbara Poffenberger of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Ray Esterline of Columbia City; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; four sisters, Virginia Stout of Utah, Lois Sutton of Wabash, Peggy Ann Johnson of Nebraska and Jean Culbertson of Auburn; two brothers, Billie Romine of Columbia City and Michael Romine of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a stepmother, Virginia Romine; three sisters, Betty Graham, Mary Jo Haupert and Karla Romine; and a brother, Donald "Red" Romine.

Services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. The Rev. Tim Kumfer, pastor of Big Lake Church of God, will officiate.

A committal service will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday in Prairie Grove Cemetery at Waynedale.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the activities department at Miller's Merry Manor.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com.

Thomas McKown

AUBURN — Thomas Lynn McKown, 62, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McKown worked for Metal Technologies in Auburn and before that was employed by Auburn Foundry. He had been a substitute school bus driver for DeKalb Central Schools for more than 30 years. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He was a very active member of the County Line Church of God, where he sang in the choir and played softball. He formerly sang in the Brush College Gospel Quartet. He was a member of the DeKalb County Horsemen's Association. An avid fisherman, he loved the outdoors. He loved his children and grandchildren very much.

He was born Feb. 26, 1943, in Fort Wayne to Jerry and Berniece (Rumbaugh) McKown. They preceded him in death.

He married Joyce Fisher on April 7, 1963, in Newville, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Tyler and Teri McKown of Auburn, Darren and Sara McKown of Fort Wayne and Dirk and Susie McKown of Auburn; a daughter, Marla Rainelli of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Sharon McKown of Fort Wayne and Dick and Mary McKown of St. Joe; a sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Moose Myers of Newville; and 13 grandchildren, Brooke McKown, Emma McKown, Carmen Rainelli, Kalib McKown, Vince Rainelli, Kristen McKown, Sydney McKown, Dane McKown, Dominick Rainelli, Ben McKown, Courtney McKown, Ethan McKown and Blair McKown.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, Auburn, with the Rev. Bob Herman officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God.

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Family, friends reminisce about homicide victims

BY MEGAN HOCKLEY
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LAGRANGE — Flowers covered two closed caskets at LaGrange's Carney-Frost Funeral Home Wednesday as the family and friends of homicide victims Terry and Darleen Anderson gathered to bid them goodbye.

Funeral services were Thursday for the Mongo couple who were found dead on their property one week ago. Police still have no suspects in the case.

Terry and Darleen Anderson are gone, but their spirits were very much present at Wednesday's calling, where treasured memories were shared aloud, hugs were plentiful, tears were wiped away and laughter occasionally bubbled up.

"We're going to make their dreams our dreams," said the couple's daughter, Amanda Anderson, affirming that the family would be keeping the home where her parents died.

"Dad wanted a full wrap-around porch, to tear down the barn, new siding. There's electrical work to do. Mom wanted new curtains, new furniture," she said.

"We just need a security system."

Anderson, 20, sat on a sofa near her parents' caskets Wednesday, surrounded by close friends and family members. Dark shadows under her eyes testifying to how little sleep she's had in the past few days, Anderson spoke about her parents.

'Topwater Terry'

Terry Anderson had a tattoo of a muskie on his arm and a love for hunting in his heart. Many of the memories people shared about him Wednesday involved animals, both pets and prey. He was nicknamed "Topwater Terry" in connection with his passion for muskie fishing.

"Dad loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing," Anderson said. "He was a muskie guy, and he would ice fish constantly in the winter.

"He was proud of his boat, and his truck was his pride and joy. He loved his children and his grandchildren. He was a hard worker."

Asked if she used to go fishing with her dad, Anderson was quick to smile. "Not very much because he would scream and yell," she answered, "but if anybody ever needed anything, he would make sure you had it. If you needed money for lunch or if you needed advice ... he would give it."

Terry Anderson and his friends called themselves The Brothers of the Woods, and Anderson also went by the nickname "The Norwegian Monkey Man from Mongo," said his best friend, Bill Gage.

"Terry's most famous in Mongo for his iron skillet. It's never been washed! He made the best deer meat in the whole state, maybe the whole country in that," Gage said. "We lived on hazelnuts or filberts and deer meat all winter."

Gage also shared a memory of Terry Anderson that involved his old pet pig, Oink Johnson, which he said grew into the biggest pig he'd ever seen.

"He'd try to ride Oink Johnson," Gage said, laughing. "When the pig got hungry, it would get noisy, and Terry would say, 'Shut up, Oink Johnson! I'll feed you when I'm ready.' That pig was as big as a cow. Its pork chops looked like T-bone steaks."

Terry Anderson also was a famous turkey hunter, Gage said.

"He would get his turkey in 10 minutes. Everybody in town was jealous of that. I would hunt all day without getting one," he said.

Terry Anderson's barn was bigger than his house and included a large storage area, a tool shed and workroom and his hunting cabin.

"Every time he got an extra $500, $600, he'd call the Amish men: 'I want to build on. Frame it up,'" Gage said.

Rick and Misty Jo Kwiek of California, Terry Anderson's oldest son and his wife, said Anderson taught his grandsons how to fish and used to secretly slip them gold dollars when their parents weren't looking.

Terry Anderson often took Rick Kwiek fishing when he visited Indiana.

"I remember going to Cree Lake," Kwiek said. "He got in the boat, and he wanted me to back up the boat. Well, I'm from Chicago. I'm lucky if I can drive my own car. He was yelling, 'No, not that way! More right, more left!' Normally, he was mellow, but ..."

Terry Anderson worked as a tree trimmer for Asplundh. His co-worker and Amanda Anderson's boyfriend, Quae Proctor, carries many fond memories of him, including watching Terry Anderson ride around his yard on a lawnmower, poking at pesky moles with a pitchfork.

Another time, the two men worked together to cut off the top 8 feet of a tree that was full of honey bees.

"The boss wanted the bees dropped in the driveway to get it down quick, but Terry wouldn't do it. He screened up the holes so the bees couldn't get out, and he insisted on having those honey bees relocated to some other area," Proctor said. "There was 50-60 pounds of honey in the log. There was so much, it was seeping out the pores of the wood."

"He drove those bees from Syracuse all the way to Mongo," Amanda Anderson said, adding that Terry Anderson gave the log to a beekeeper friend.

'Shop 'til you drop Darleen'

Darleen Anderson's proclivity for shopping was one of her defining characteristics, according to friends and family.

"Mom loved garage saleing," Amanda Anderson said fondly. "She used to bring home a lot of junk."

"She could outshop us all, and Terry could outfish all us guys," Proctor said.

"Every time we came from California, she would take us to Shipshewana, and we were at the flea markets and garage sales," Misty Jo Kwiek said. "We wouldn't get home until after dark because she wouldn't quit. It was always, 'Just one more garage sale!'

"She'd know we were coming, and she'd start hitting the garage sales for toys for the grandkids ... The boys loved their grandma."

Darleen Anderson also passed down her skill at playing the piano to her daughter, and she collected rocks of all kinds. She bought from dealers and often reminded Proctor and her husband to keep their eyes open for interesting rocks in the cornfields.

"We always brought something back for her," Proctor said.

With her collections and her shopping habit, Darleen's house is packed to the rafters with stuff, according to her daughter-in-law.

"She was a pack rat. The house was hers to fill up, and the shop was his, and oh my gosh is it full!" Misty Jo Kwiek said. "It will have to be sorted out, and I started looking at it, but I just couldn't do anything yet. I felt like I was invading their privacy."

Terry Anderson was a bit of a shopper too, and Darleen used to scold him for his extravagant purchases — unless he brought her something, too, Amanda Anderson said.

"He'd always buy things and hide them from her. Then she'd find them," Amanda said. "The day we got a new four-wheeler and a new dirt bike and pulled in the driveway with them, she was so mad."

"I remember when he bought something really expensive (for himself), and he went out and bought her all new furniture so it would be OK," Gage said.

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Terry and Darlene Anderson's family and friends shared treasured memories at a joint funeral service held Thursday for the couple, who were homicide victims.

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Clarence 'Sam' Bry

AUBURN — Clarence "Sam" Bry, 88, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 26, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Bry worked at the Auburn City Street Department for 13 years, serving as its superintendent for six years. He retired in 1987. He was a former employee of the Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home and Furniture Store and a former employee of the Western Auto Store in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Concord United Methodist Church and had been a subordinate for the State National Grange Association since 1952.

He was a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and the Leo post of the American Legion.

He was born Jan. 22, 1917, in Allen County to Henry and Louise (Palmer) Bry.

He married Mabel Reeder on Dec. 21, 1938, in Spencerville, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dorothy Stahl of Ashley; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Clarence Bry Jr. and Connie Bry of Urbana, Ohio, and Wayne Bry of Pleasant Lake; three sisters, Virginia Finley of Auburn, Helen Kaiser of Butler and Bess "Myrtle" Hornet of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Edward Bry; and a sister, Mildred Shoudel.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Barb Cross officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Darlene Ranken

AUBURN — Darlene Mary Ranken, 75, of Auburn died Friday, Oct. 28, 2005.

Mrs. Ranken was born on April 11, 1930, to Michael and Rose (Mascenik) Vakerics in Loraine, Ohio. She married Robert Rankin on Dec. 2, 1950, at St. Jude's Church in Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker and worked as a teller for Lincoln National Bank for several years, retiring in 1961. She was a founding member of the Botanical Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Besides her husband, other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Eric M. and Laura Rankin of Ossian; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Daniel Cueller of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Molly Vakerics of Arizona; a grandson, Gustauo Robert Cueller of Indianapolis; three step-grandchildren, Chad I. Hoag, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, Nathan T. Hoag of Bluffton and Andrea Hoag of Seattle, Wash.; and two step-great-grandchildren, Alisa M. and Tyler J. Hoag of Bluffton.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Vakerics.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 So. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial is in the Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home or one hour before the funeral.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 9131 No. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260, or the Betz Nursing Home, c/o the activities department.

Samuel Pollock

FORT WAYNE — Samuel Lee Pollock, 57, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at his residence.

He was born on Jan. 23, 1947, to Charles W. "Chuck" and LaVon Marie (Henke) Pollock in Kendallville. He had been a resident of Noble County most of his life.

Mr. Pollock

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Aaron and Trina Pollock, Erick and Tara Pollock and Ryan Pollock, all of Hudson; three grandsons and six granddaughters; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Diana Pollock, Connie and Jack Keyes and Paula and Dan Saalfrank, all of Kendallville.

Graveside services are Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with the Rev. Stan Kessler of the First Presbyterian Church of Kendallville officiating.

Visitation is Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Park Center, 900 E. State St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

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Mrs. Barton was a woman who gave

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ANGOLA — Phyliss Barton spent her entire life in Angola — and she was passionate about giving back to the community she called home.

"She was heavily involved with the Moose Lodge and all their charitable things, and she also did food preparation for organizations that served meals," said Mrs. Barton's son, Rex. She was a big organizer."

Phyliss died Monday at home. She was 87.

Her talents weren't all his mother was willing to give to others, Rex said.

"She gave gallons — and I do mean gallons — of blood at blood drives over the years," he said. "I couldn't even tell you how much she donated. And she was also involved with the (Steuben County) Council on Aging."

Rex said he is grateful for the blueprint his mother and father — Douglas Barton, who died in 1998 — gave him to model his own life and marriage after.

Phyliss and Douglas Barton were married on Dec. 21, 1940, when Rex was a toddler. His biological father was never in his life, he said, and Douglas, who was a professor at Tri-State University, adopted Rex.

Mrs. Barton

"Dad was my dad, and he and mom were inseparable," he said. "They did everything together."

When Douglas died unexpectedly after having a bad reaction to an antibiotic, Rex said his mother really never got past it.

"Mother and Dad were good friends as well as husband and wife," he said. "She never did recover from the emotional side of (his death). We were talking a few days before she died about him, and I told her I missed Dad. She said, 'I miss him too, but I don't accept his death.' She said she kept expecting him to holler up from the basement and ask her to make him some lunch."

Rex said people remember his mother as "very prim and proper."

"She was always color-coordinated," he said. "If she wore a red jacket, she'd have on red and white shoes, a white blouse and red slacks."

Rex said something he really remembers about his mother was her love for the sport of bowling. Phyliss was in the Angola Bowler's Hall of Fame for more than 40 years.

"When I was a very small person, that's what she did on Friday nights," he said. "I definitely remember that."

Just before her death, Phyliss had returned from an Alaskan vacation. Rex said his mother was a well-traveled woman.

"Because of her bowling, I believe she saw almost all 50 states except Hawaii," he said.

She was also giving to others, said her granddaughter, Barb Barton. Phyliss took in an exchange student in 2003, Ivan Bonfim of Brazil. They remained close after he returned home. Barb said that were it not for his studies, he might have returned to Angola to attend her mother's funeral. Ivan attended Angola High School.

Also, Barb said, her mother was a longtime supporter of public television's WFWA TV-39, Fort Wayne.

"She loved the nature programs," Barb said.

Phyliss taught Barb how to play the guitar when Barb was only 5. That led to a career in songwriting and performing around the country.

"She loved music," Barb said.

Phyliss was always willing to serve as an officer or on boards of organizations she belonged to. She was a member of the Women of the Moose for nearly 60 years, and held all the offices in that club as well as earning state designations. She had served as president and secretary of the Angola Women's Bowling Association, and has also sat on its board of directors.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun with corrected information.*

Darlene Rankin

AUBURN — Darlene Mary Rankin, 75, died Friday, Oct. 28, 2005.

Mrs. Rankin was a homemaker. She worked as a teller for Lincoln National Bank for several years, retiring in 1961.

She was a founding member of the botanical gardens in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 11, 1930, in Lorain, Ohio, to Michael and Rose (Mascenik) Vakerics.

She married Robert Rankin on Dec. 2, 1950, in St. Jude's Church in Fort Wayne. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are a son and his wife, Eric M. and Laura Rankin of Ossian; a daughter and her husband, Amy L. and Daniel Cueller of Indianapolis; a brother, Wayne Vakerics of Arizona; a sister-in-law, Molly Vakerics of Arizona; one grandson, Gustavo Robert Cueller of Indianapolis; three stepgrandchildren, Chad I. Hoag, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, Nathan T. Hoag of Bluffton and Andrea L. Hoag of Seattle; and two stepgrandchildren, Alissa M. and Tyler J. Hoag of Bluffton.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Vakerics.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 9131 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260, or the activities department of Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Agnes Schivell

GARRETT — Agnes J. Schivell, 91, of Garrett died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at her home.

Miss Schivell was a lifelong Garrett resident and worked as a painter at the former Creek Chub Bait Co. of Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 9, 1914, in Memphis, Tenn., to Bernard and Mary (Phelan) Schivell.

Surviving are two nieces and a nephew-in-law, Carol Johnson of Garrett and Kathleen and Steven Roy of Wolcottville; three great-nephews and their spouses, William Roy of Fort Wayne, Mark and Judy Roy of Albion and Robert and Vicki Roy of Auburn; and two great-great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Margaret M. Johnson.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

There will be no calling. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to ondolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph Catholic School or Masses.

Juanita Boleyn

GARRETT — Juanita Boleyn, 79, died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange, where she had lived the past eight years.

Before moving to LaGrange, she lived in Garrett for 55 years.

Born Aug. 25, 1926, in Knott County, Ky., she was the daughter of Joel and Molly (Shepard) Owens. They preceded her in death.

On Feb. 4, 1945, in Garrett, Ky., she married William W. Boleyn. He died March 28, 1985.

Surviving are a son, Gary Boleyn; a daughter and son-in-law, Evon and Robert Smith Jr. of Garrett; two grandsons, Rob Smith of Avilla and Todd Smith of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Melissa Wallace of Fort Wayne; two great-grandsons, Tyler Minick of Kendallville and Payton Wallace of Fort Wayne; four great-granddaughters, Brooke Campbell, Taryn Campbell and Lindsey Smith, all of Avilla, and Olivia Wallace of Fort Wayne; a brother, Arthur Owens of Mousie, Ky.; and a sister, Joyce Childers of Mousie.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jimmy Owens and Wayne Owens; and two sisters, Geneva Owens and Veritta Hayes.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Esther Koehlinger

FORT WAYNE — Esther T. Nessel Koehlinger, 94, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Koehlinger was a registered nurse. She retired from Fort Wayne Community Schools as supervisor of health services in 1976 after 10 years of service.

She started nursing school in DeKalb County and graduated from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in 1932.

She was born Dec. 18, 1910, in DeKalb County to John and Mary (Dapp) May. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Michael Nessel of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Ed May of Auburn and Norbert May and Otto May, both of Waterloo; a sister, Veronica Schlosser of Waterloo; three grandchildren, Mark Sherbondy of Fort Wayne and Craig and Brent Sherbondy, both of Rome City; three great-granddaughters; and two great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by a her husband, Gerhard "Jerry" Koehlinger, in 1983; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Sherbondy; a brother, Albert May; and a sister, Agnus Hollis.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Thursday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Masses at the church.

Roger Nichols

AUBURN — Roger L. Nichols, 52, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005.

Mr. Nichols worked as a machinist at Eaton Corp., retiring in 2003 after 30 years of service.

He was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, American Legion Motorcycle Riders and the UAW in Auburn. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and loved "The Duke."

Mr. Nichols' passion was riding his motorcycle, and he and his wife had spent the last two years traveling across the United States

Born Aug. 30, 1953, in Auburn, he was the son of Thomas and Delores (Pinney) Nichols. They survive in Waterloo.

He married Shawn Inlow on Oct. 20, 1989. She survives.

Also surviving a son and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Amanda Nichols of St. Joe; a daughter, Tammy Nichols of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Josyln and Chad Hall of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, "Uncle" Dennis and "Aunt" Laurie Pinney of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Frank Hatina of Hamilton; five grandchildren; two nieces; and one nephew.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Bill Smith officiating.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Wendall Cook

NEWVILLE — Wendall "Al" Cook, 77, of Newville died Tuesday evening, Nov. 1, 2005, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cook worked as a security guard at Auburn Gear, drove a bus for 10 years with DeKalb Eastern Schools and retired after 35 years as a machinist and tool crib supplier at ARO Air Tools in Bryan, Ohio. He was a past caretaker for the Newville Cemetery.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Bryan, Ohio, and attended the Newville Church of Christ.

He was born Jan. 18, 1928, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Dallas "Johnny" and Garcia (Krabill) Cook. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Blanche Ellen Strong on June 3, 1950, in Angola. She died Aug. 3, 2001.

His second marriage, to Rozella Baughman, took place Dec. 8, 2002, in Newville. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and William Winebrenner of Fremont, Jean and Gary Prough of Butler and Cherie and Dave Blount of Pleasant Lake; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Glen Cook of Butler, Lavoy Cook of Hicksville, Ohio, and Thomas and Catherine Cook of Butler; 14 grandchildren, Dale Winebrenner, Romona Dideon, Michelle Cook, Brett Long, Debbie Perkins, Loretta McCutcheon, Christine Thompson, Robert Long, Lisa Huffman, Becky Fosnaugh, Clinton Prough, Jeff Cook, Aaron Long and Hugh Buck; 23 great-grandchildren, Kerishia, Crystal and Bobbie Winebrenner, Phillip and Hanna McCutcheon, Jacob, Maci, Lexus and Rylie Prough, Alicia Brooks, Danielle Dideon, Rhea and Jaden Thompson, Lucas, Isaac and Hayden Cook, Miranda Long, Sawyer Maldeny, Noah Perkins, Madison Fosnaugh, Kimberly Buck and Katie and Nathan Dollar; two brothers, DeWayne Cook of Auburn and Weldon "Abe" Cook of Utah; and a sister, Carroll Middaugh of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Doris Elaine Newson, in 1984; two brothers, Paul "Pete" Cook and Fred Cook; and a sister, Garnet Wasson.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville, with Pastor Darrin Langford officiating. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

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Wendell Cook

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He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Doris Elaine Newton, in 1984; two brothers, Paul "Pete" Cook and Fred Cook; and a sister, Garnet Wasson.

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Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Sgt. Christopher Monroe, 19, dies while serving in Iraq

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services will be Saturday for U.S. Army Sgt. Christopher Monroe, 19, of Kendallville, who died while serving in Iraq.

Sgt. Monroe

Sgt. Monroe died Oct. 25, 2005, near Basra, Iraq. He was with the 384th Military Police Battalion in Fort Wayne and assigned to the 785th Military Police Battalion in Bucca, Iraq.

Sgt. Monroe was a 2004 graduate of East Noble High School in Kendallville, where he was active in the Future Farmers of America (FFA).

He was a member of Faith Missionary Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his mother, Annette Monroe of Kendallville; his father, Perry Monroe II of Belton, Texas; two brothers, Nick Monroe and Greg Monroe, both of Kendallville; his grandparents, Connie and John Kennert of Waterloo and Perry Monroe I of Fort Wayne; eight aunts and uncles, including Loraine Minnick of Fort Wayne; his fiancee, Angela Rippe of Fort Wayne; and his future mother- and father-in-law, Sgt. John and Susan Webster of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the East Noble High School FFA.

Bernard Smith

SOUTH MILFORD — Bernard E. Smith, 68, of South Milford died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at his home following a nine-year battle with cancer.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith had retired in 2001 as a maintenance technician for Guardian Industries in Auburn. At one time, he had been an auto mechanic for the Uptown Phillips 66 service station in Kendallville and had worked as a mechanic and technician at International Harvester in Fort Wayne and at the Kendallville Foundry.

Mr. Smith was a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America and served as assistant Scoutmaster of Kendallville Boy Scout Troop 102 during the mid-1970s.

He was born May 22, 1937, in Kendallville to Elmer and Thelma (Bishop) Smith. He attended Kendallville High School and later enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as a combat engineer with the Seventh Army, 1st Infantry Division, Army of Occupation in Germany from 1955 to 1958. After receiving an honorable discharge and returning from the military service on Aug. 16, 1958, he married Shirley Dukes of Kendallville. She survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Major Gary and Patricia Smith and Craig and Julia Smith, all of Kendallville, and Kevin and Krista Smith of Rolling Prairie; a brother and sister-in-law, Duane and Marilyn Smith of Kendallville; four grandsons, Jason Smith of Rolling Prairie, and Matthew, Nicholas and Erik Smith, all of Kendallville; and three granddaughters, Desiree Smith of Jackson, Mich., and Cailynn and Jenna Smith of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Wayne Center United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, Parkveiw Noble Hospice or Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Pearl Dearing

ALBION — Pearl Dearing of Benbrook, Texas, and formerly of Albion died Oct. 9, 2005, in a nursing home in Benbrook following a brief illness.

Mrs. Dearing had lived in Texas the past 12 years and prior to that had lived in Albion 26 years.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Mrs. Dearing was born June 23, 1910, in Arcade, N.Y., to Edward and Kathryn (Heintz) Brock. In 1940, she married Richard Dearing, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Diana Dearing of Auburn and Sheila Grissom of Ft. Worth, Texas; two sons, Neil Dennis of Bliss, N.Y., and Paul Dearing of California; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Ronald McDonald House.

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Mr. Ryan lived for family, community

BY BILL GISEL
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LAOTTO — Kenneth Ryan Jr. was totally devoted to his family and to his community, according to his daughter, Diana Lute of Kendallville.

"He was always busy improving something," added daughter Denise Fischer, also of Kendallville.

Mr. Ryan, 74, died Oct. 9 at his LaOtto home after a lengthy illness.

He was best known in the community for his involvement with the LaOtto Fire Department, which he helped start in 1964, and as an advocate of the town's sewer project. He also served on the LaOtto School PTA and was a member of the LaOtto Community Association.

Active in his union at Allen Dairy, where he served a number of years as president, he worked with U.S. Rep. J. Edward Roush to bring 911 emergency telephone service to northeast Indiana.

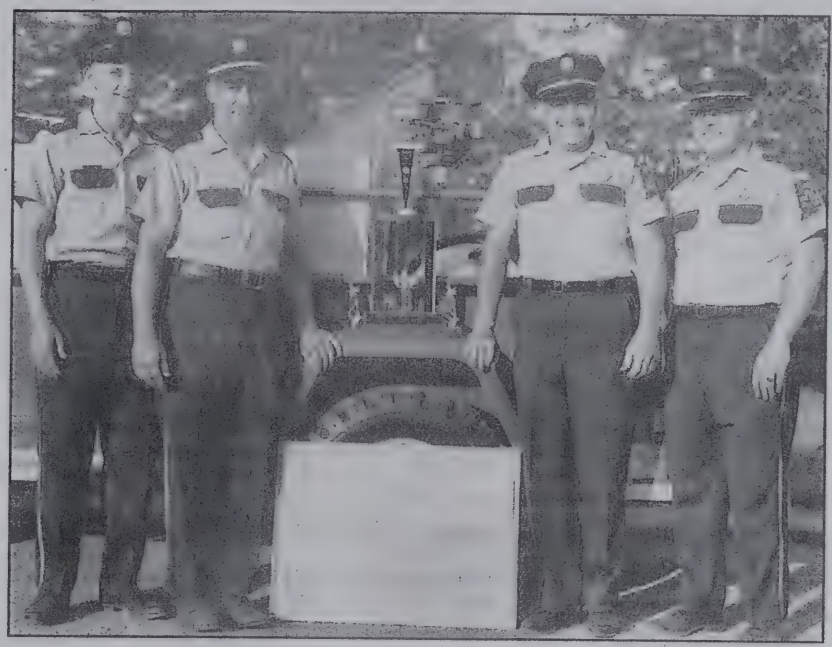
He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, held many offices as a member of the Elks Lodge in Garrett, and was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge.

In the eyes of his children, Mr. Ryan was the best of fathers, teaching by example and participating in their lives, his daughters said.

"He always came home at the same time every day," Lute recalled. "He didn't believe in stopping off for a drink before coming home."

Fischer said her dad always worked Saturdays and was off on Wednesdays, and he used that time to be with his five children. He also is survived by a son, Gail, of Colorado, and two other daughters, Gloria Martin of Michigan and Kay Arata of Florida.

"He taught us all how to swim," Fischer said, "and he always was involved in our school and in our activities — band, Knightettes, cross country. No matter what we were in, dad was always there."



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Kenneth Ryan, second from right, served as a captain on the LaOtto Fire Department in 1967 when LaOtto firefighters won the state hose replacement championship in competition with other fire departments. At left is Ron Hart; second from left is Harry Traxler; and at right is Larry Campbell.

Mr. Ryan also loved having his children's friends around the house, Fischer said, and he always devoted summer vacations to camping with his family, Lute added.

"We didn't have a lot of money, but we never felt like we were missing out and we never did without," Lute continued.

"He taught us all how to save money, by example," she said. "He bought savings bonds, taking money out every week from his pay. He also taught us that it was important to get an education, and encouraged us to do whatever it was we wanted to do."

Lute said her dad had only one activity that he didn't want to share, and that was his golf.

"That was his private time; he shared everything else, including one bathroom with four daughters," she said with a laugh.

Both daughters cherish their childhood memories of waterball, which was a popular sport with area fire departments in the 1960s.

"Everyone knew everyone on each department, and so did the kids, who would picnic as families when they competed," Lute said.

"The kids would get to compete, too, putting on the heavy jackets, and they would turn the water pressure down," she explained. "We made a lot of good friends that way."

Both daughters commended their father for his desire to do what was best for LaOtto. Mr. Ryan believed the future of the community demanded a sewer system to ensure its growth and prosperity, but that project was not so popular with many in the community.

"It was controversial, and he lost friends over it, but he knew what was best for LaOtto," Lute said.

"He knew what was best for the community, and if he felt something was good, he would follow it to its conclusion," Fischer said.

Gretchen Hohl

ANGOLA — Gretchen E. Hohl, 83, of Angola, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab, Angola.

She was a homemaker and member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and also the Rosary and Altar Society of the church.

She previously worked in the office at Klink Insurance Co. in Auburn, and also at Golden Auto Supply and Excello Corp. in Angola.

She was born on Aug. 19, 1922, in Tonkawa, Okla., to Albert and Olga (Bee) Myers. They preceded her in death.

She married Herman J. Hohl on Nov. 5, 1940. He preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 1999.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Deborah Hohl of Darien, Ill., and two grandsons, Jeremiah and Jacob Hohl.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Hohl.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with the Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or to St. Anthony Catholic Church.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Deloris Finnegan

AUBURN — Deloris M. Finnegan, 74, of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a bookkeeper and a teller. She was a member of Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

Surviving are two daughters, Diana Benson of Waterloo and Valerie Small of Waldo, Maine; a son, Lynn Hile of Bumpass, Va.; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Walter Pflueger of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Finnegan; and two sons, Kenneth and Todd Hile.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, with the Rev. Randy Callaway officiating.

Memorials are to Spectra Care.

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Memorials are to Spectra Care.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Margaret Crowl

FORT WAYNE — Margaret E. Crowl, 105, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005 at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crowl was born June 24, 1900, in Millers Creek, Ohio. She was married to Wier Crowl, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 26, 1963.

She was a homemaker. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Kinderhook, Mich.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mona and Richard Sordelet of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters and a grandson-in-law, Nikki Baker of Tulsa, Okla., and Tonie and Doug Reincke of Detroit; and two great-grandsons, Malachi and Lazarus Reincke.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-6 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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She was a homemaker and member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and also the Rosary and Altar Society of the church.

She previously worked in the office at Klink Insurance Co. in Auburn and also at Golden Auto Supply and Excello Corp. in Angola.

She was born on Aug. 19, 1922, in Tonkawa, Okla., to Albert and Olga (Bee) Myers. They preceded her in death.

She married Herman J. Hohl on Nov. 5, 1940. He preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 1999.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Deborah Hohl of Darien, Ill.; and two grandsons, Jeremiah and Jacob Hohl.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Hohl.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with the Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m

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Nathaniel Eminger

ALBION — Nathaniel W. "Nate" Eminger, 34, of Fairfax, Va., died at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, from injuries in a vehicular crash.

Mr. Eminger

Mr. Eminger had moved to Fairfax earlier this year and prior to that had lived in Fort Wayne, Kalamazoo, Mich., and Wawaka.

He was a 1989 graduate of West Noble High School and had worked in numerous restaurants. He enjoyed photography and reading.

Mr. Eminger enjoyed making movies and had helped produce a movie filmed in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Eminger was born April 1, 1971, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Craig and Sharon Eminger of LaOtto; his mother and stepfather, Carolyn (Hart) and Gary Frehse of LaGrange; a special friend, Smita Madhur; a brother and sister-in-law, Jason and Jennifer Eminger of LaOtto; a half sister and her husband, Shana and Brett Gaff of LaOtto; a niece, Janae Gaff; a nephew, Jakob Eminger; aunts and uncles, Tracy and Daniel Schnorr of Columbia City, Roger and Kathy Hart of Auburn, Mark and Tina Eminger of Otterbein, Kevin Eminger of Quincy, Mich., and DeAnn and Kirk Mortoff of Roanoke; his paternal grandparents, Robert and Doris Eming of Fort Wayne; maternal stepgrandmother, Jennette Rohrer of Columbia City; and his stepgrandfather, Bill Yunker of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, J.L. Hart; and a stepgrandmother, Josephine Yunder.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Janice Worman

AUBURN — Janice K. (Bailey) Worman, 55, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Worman

Born in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Worman worked in phone service with J.O. Mory for 10 years.

Surviving are her husband, Gary Worman of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Penny Worman of Auburn; three grandchildren, Montana Sebert, Rafe L. Worman and Xander Worman, all of Auburn; her mother, Jean Keirns of Auburn; and three sisters, Coleen King of Garrett, Lou Ann Stahlhut of Churubusco and Nancy Husted of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her father, Estle Bailey; and a daughter, Denise Marie Worman, who died in 1995.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor Dan White will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Cancer Society, DeKalb County Hospice or Juvenile Diabetes.

Naomi Adkison

FORT WAYNE — Naomi F. Adkison, 90, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Adkison was a homemaker and a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 19, 1915, in Paulding, Ohio, to John and Ada (Pearson) McConahay.

She married David V. Adkison in 1939. He died in 1968.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Maxine Adkison of Bronson, Mich.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sandra and Thomas Horstman of Auburn, Sue Osborne of Fort Wayne and Mary and Terry Schneider of Fort Wayne; a half-sister, Joan Murphy of Arizona; a half-brother, Larry Detweiller of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and four sisters.

Services will be Thursday at noon in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. The Rev. Daniel Leeuw will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon at the church. A rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Frances Knotek

ANGOLA — Frances Antonia Knotek, 89, of Angola died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Ms. Knotek was born in Van Wert, Ohio, on Feb. 18, 1916, to George and Christine (Brecka) Knotek. She had worked as a telephone operator for General Telephone in Angola.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and the church's Altar and Rosary Society. She belonged to the West End Birthday Club and was a former member of the Steuben County Woman's Club.

Surviving are nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Joseph and Florian Knotek; and four sisters, Genevieve Horney, Christine Knotek, Ann Knotek and Elizabeth Kubik.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Virgil Rowe

AUBURN — Virgil E. "Gene" Rowe, 83, of Auburn died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Garrett, Mr. Rowe was an inspector with the U.S. Army Air Forces and U.S. Air Force for 33 years, retiring in 1975 as a master sergeant.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara J. Rowe of Auburn; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Karen and Daniel Pfister and Kathy and Randall Rufner, all of Auburn; two stepsons, Keith Bunch and Kent Bunch, both of Indiana; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Tyler Bunch of Naples, Fla., Travis Bunch of Indianapolis, Joel Pfister of Auburn, Jeremy and Katie Pfister of Elkhart, Anna Pfister of Indianapolis, Amanda Pfister of Fort Wayne, Jordan Pfister of Auburn, Shannon and Dan Conners of Brownsburg and Stewart Rufner of Muncie; and a great-granddaughter, Anna Katherine Conners of Brownsburg.

He was preceded in death by five brothers; four sisters; and a grandson, Jacob Pfister, who died in 1981.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Glennice Jones

CORUNNA — Glennice M. Jones, 68, of Corunna died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jones worked at GTE for 30 years, retiring in March 1999.

She was a member of the ABWA for 28 years and a member of the Cub Scouts of America for 17 years.

She was born Oct. 10, 1937, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., to Kenneth and Gladys (Morgan) Jeanette. They preceded her in death.

She married Roger Jones Jr. in Plattsburgh in 1956. He died Sept. 16, 2002.

Surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Kelly Jones of Corunna, Tracy and Michelle Jones of Corunna, Allen Jones of Fort Wayne, Roger Jones III and Pam Jones of Auburn and Patrick and Lisa Jones of New Haven; a daughter and son-in-law, Norene and Dan Luley of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kevin and Sue Jeanette of Plattsburgh and Wayne and Jill Jeanette of West Chazy, N.Y.; a sister, Gail Snyder of Ticonderoga, N.Y.; 15 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Mike Jeanette and Fred Jeanette.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Chaplain Tony Jones officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the ABWA Scholarship Fund.

Raymond McCart

GARRETT — Raymond T. McCart, 91, of Garrett died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, at 6:30 a.m. at Perry County Memorial Hospital in Tell City.

Mr. McCart retired from American States Insurance Co. in 1978 after 34 years of service. In June 2005, he received his 51-year token from Alcoholics Anonymous.

He was born June 14, 1914, in Pauwnee, Ill., to John J. and Susan A. (Buckles) McCart. They preceded him in death.

He married W. Blanche Rhodes on Nov. 22, 1937. She died in 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Tom VanDevanter of Seattle; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Debbie McCart of Tell City and Joseph and Connie McCart of Garrett; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Father Dan Durkin of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to any alcohol or drug rehabilitation charity or the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

Lela Beebe

BUTLER — Lela Beebe, formerly of Butler, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at Town Hall Estates in Whitney, Texas.

Mrs. Beebe was retired as a seamstress for Marshall Clothing Co. in Auburn. She was a Methodist and a Sunday School teacher.

Her parents, Perry Martin and Anna Squires Provines, preceded her in death.

She married Elmer Beebe in Auburn on Nov. 11, 1933. He died March 13, 1978.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Jack Schoeneman of Whitney and Candy and Dave Houser of Cave Creek, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Davy Joe Beebe.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 5643 FM 933, Whitney, TX 76645.

Condolences may be left at marshallandmarshallfd.com.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of local arrangements.

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Janet Harness

HAMILTON — Janet R. Harness, 65, of Hamilton died early Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Harness

Mrs. Harness was a factory worker at Pittsfield of Indiana in Hamilton for nearly 18 years. She was very active in hobbies and crafts and especially enjoyed crocheting, jewelry-making and beadwork.

She was born Aug. 18, 1940, in LaGrange to Norris J. and Geneva P. (Myers) Hart. They preceded her in death.

She married Larry E. Harness Sr. on March 5, 1961, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry Harness Jr. of Hamilton and Benny Joe Tilley of Selma, Ind.; two daughters, Jacklynn Sue Geiger of Garrett and Lulu Leora Fraley of Hamilton; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four brothers, Jim Hart of Indianapolis, Jack Hart of Kenwadian, Mich., Jean Hart of White Pigeon, Mich., and Jerry Hart of Middlebury; and two sisters, Janis Mattingly of Dallas and Alice May Peters of Angola.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and Crematory, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton.

Calling will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Nazarene Church Missionary Society.

An online guest book may be signed and private condolences may be sent to the family at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Bertha Bevington

FORT WAYNE — Bertha Bevington, 96, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at University Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bevington

Mrs. Bevington co-owned the Waterloo Dairy Queen from 1958 to 1964. She was a former employee of Marshall Clothing Co. in Butler, Messenger Corp. of Auburn and Rieke Corp. of Auburn.

She was a former member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. She was a member of the Christ's Church of Georgetown and the Butler Eastern Star Forrest Chapter 44.

She was born Jan. 29, 1909, in Bellmont County, Ohio, to W.O. and Emma Jane (Brown) Fisher. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth and Ted Kortz of Fort Wayne and Jean and Dick Bourquin of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Arlo Dysinger and Eugene Bevington; five brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with David F. Altman officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne or Christ's Church of Georgetown.

Charles Perry

GARRETT — Charles S. "Chuck" Perry, 69, of Garrett died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Lancaster, Pa., Mr. Perry was a truck driver for International Harvester for 30 years. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Shelby J. Perry of Garrett; two daughters, Beverly Perry-Gick of Fort Wayne and Melody Ort of Auburn; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Joyce Whitcakew of Fort Wayne; and four brothers, Harold of Avilla, John of Florida, Richard of Garrett and David of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Steven Kummernuss officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Leeta Searfoss

AUBURN — Leeta M. Searfoss, 98, of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Searfoss retired from Dana Corp. in 1962 after 13 years of service. She was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church and the Stafford Township Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Aug. 28, 1907, in Steuben County to Charles Isaac and Enola Belle (Sharp) Gill. They preceded her in death.

She married Marriell Maier on Feb. 7, 1925, in Angola. He died May 23, 1985.

She married Lyston L. Searfoss on June 9, 1962, in Auburn, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1997.

Surviving are three sons, Kenneth Maier of Angola, Donald Maier of Fort Wayne and James Maier of Madison, Fla.; a daughter, Mary Lou Freed of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, three sisters, a grandson and a granddaughter.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Child Evangelism Fellowship in Auburn and the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Scott Bonecutter

AUBURN — Scott Alan Bonecutter, 29, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

He was born May 21, 1976, in Auburn, to Perry D. and Caren S. (Richardson) Bonecutter. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two grandparents, Clare and Joan Bonecutter of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Malinda Thatcher and Gary Thatcher II of Fort Wayne; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by two grandparents, Wendell and Berniece Richardson, and a sister, Sheila Marie.

An open house in memory of Mr. Bonecutter will be Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the home of Richard and Beverly Snyder, 3411 C.R. 14, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

The Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

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Roscoe Deller was a man of action

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — In an interview in the summer of 2002, Roscoe Deller, then 93, said he and his companion, Iva Jones, weren't the type to let any grass grow under their feet.

"We play cards at the senior center and at the legion," he said. "We stop and see people at the nursing homes. We're always going."

And so it was until his death on Oct. 24. Roscoe Deller died at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla. He was 96.

Roscoe was born in Steuben County, and the area remained his primary residence all his life (although after he retired, he spent his winters in Florida). He married in 1933. His wife, Christine, died in 1981.

The Dellers began renting a farm on C.R. 300E between Angola and Fremont in 1935, and bought it in 1937. Roscoe was a dairy farmer and Christine was a teacher.

Roscoe and Christine were married for two years before they announced it.

"(Christine) was a teacher, and in those days, the schools fired the married ladies," Roscoe explained in his 2002 interview.

The Dellers had four children, Duke, Philip, Elaine and Dick (who is now deceased).

Roscoe and Christine were instrumental in launching the Steuben County Sheltered Workshop, which is now RISE Inc., in 1965. The workshop trains and educates people with mental and physical disabilities, and helps them secure employment. Roscoe and Christine took the idea of the workshop before the Steuben County Commssioners, and the first meeting was held at their home.

"The reason they were so involved with that was because I have a brother, Philip, who is mentally challenged," said Elaine Coolman, the Dellers' youngest child and only daughter.

FILE PHOTO BY LARRY LEVEY

Roscoe Deller and his companion and caregiver, Iva Jones, fill up at a picnic in Florida this past February. The picnic is an annual event for Steuben County residents who winter in Florida. Roscoe, who died Oct. 24, was recognized as being the oldest attendee at the picnic for the last two years.

In his 2002 interview, Deller spoke of the workshop with great pride.

"I'm so proud of this workshop. My son did real well there," he said.

Joyce Hevel, executive director of RISE, said it was the Dellers' determination and drive that made RISE what it is.

"Without the wisdom, fortitude and foresight of the founding fathers, RISE Inc. would not be a reality today," she wrote in a 2002 RISE newsletter.

Roscoe was a 1927 graduate of Scott Center School, and enjoyed attending the school's alumni reunions. In April 2002, he was one of the only two people from his class still living.

Elaine said 4-H was an important part of her father's life.

"He went from being the parent of kids who were in 4-H to being a 4-H leader," she said.

Roscoe served the area 4-H program on many levels. He was a group leader, served several terms on the Steuben County Extension Board, and spent nine years on the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board, five as chairman. Roscoe said the reason he believed so strongly in the 4-H program was that "it teaches them to do something instead of running all over the country doing what they shouldn't."

A civic-minded man, Roscoe never hesitated to join boards and work for causes and organizations he believed in. He was on the Steuben County Board of Health for 27 years, the Federal Land Bank Board for 13 years, and was the president of Steuben County Farm Bureau for three terms. He was elected to the Steuben County Co-Op Board three times.

He was a member of the Farm and Home Association for three years, and was the vice president of Jordan Cemetery. He was instrumental in bringing the study of the reorganization of area schools by Ball State College (now University) to Steuben County.

Roscoe loved being a farmer, but eventually realized that doing it on a small scale wasn't economical. In 1979, he sold off most of the family farm's 242 acres and gave the funds to his children.

"It's all big farms now," he said in 2002. "Not small farmers like I was."

Elaine said she will always remember her father as being "a very intelligent man."

"He was well read; well-informed on political and farm issues," she said. "He was generous and hard-working. He taught us how to work to achieve, and to read, read and read some more."

Roscoe and Christine, Elaine said, gave their children a wonderful blueprint for what marriage should be.

"They were really a team," she said. "They say behind every great man there's a good woman, and that's how it was."

Elaine said it was important to her parents that their three children were respectful of others.

"They taught us to respect people of all colors, of all incomes," she said. "People were people."

Elaine said Iva, who had been with her father for 15 years, was good for Roscoe.

"She really took care of him," she said. "With us not living close, it was good to know he wasn't alone."

Donald Chittenden

AUBURN — Donald L. Chittenden, 78, of Auburn died Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at his home.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Chittenden worked as an auto mechanic for Yoder Ford in Garrett and S&S in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II, and a member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Jan. 12, 1927, in Indianapolis, to John A. and Lenora M. (Osborn) Chittenden. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Theresa Chittenden of Hicksville, Ohio; two grandchildren, Kevin Chittenden of Wauseon, Ohio, and Kate Chittenden of Hicksville; and a sister, Dora Chittenden of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Peggy Joyce Chittenden and Virginia M. Chittenden.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside honors by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling was today from 10 a.m.-noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Jerry Conn

AUBURN — Jerry Conn, 67, of Auburn died Monday, Nov. 14, 2005 at Wesley Healthcare, where he had resided one month.

Mr. Conn

He was the resident manager of Serenity House Inc. in Auburn and a member in good standing of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Mr. Conn was born Sept. 21, 1938, in Muncie to Marvin and Nathalia (Norris) Conn.

He came to Auburn from Fort Wayne in October of 1995 when Serenity House began serving DeKalb County and the northeastern Indiana area in helping men recover from addictions.

Previously, Mr. Conn had worked at Sunrise House in Fort Wayne for seven years, and the Thirteenth Step House in Fort Wayne for 17 years. It was at the Thirteenth Step House where he laid the foundation for his own recovery from alcoholism. He celebrated May 5, 1973, as the day of his last drink.

He was revered at Serenity House for his fried chicken, cinnamon rolls and potato soup, but more importantly for his work with men in recovery from addictions. During his tenure, Serenity House housed more than 400 residents and expanded from one home to three. It is estimated that he directly or indirectly helped more than 2,000 people in DeKalb County through his participation in Alcoholics Anonymous.

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Mr. Conn's personal philosophy was to "Do something for somebody every day and don't tell a soul. Something magic happens when you do that."

He is survived by one brother, Marvin "Mike" Edward Conn of Muncie; a sister, Catherine, of Port Angeles, Wash.; a half sister; three nephews, Todd Allen Conn of Roanoke, Va., Maj. Andrew Conn of the U.S. Air Force, and Michael Glen Conn of New Castle; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with burial in the Garden of Angels at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Sunday at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Serenity House capital fund.

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Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with burial in the Garden of Angels at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Sunday at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. A Rosary service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Serenity House capital fund, 2438 C.R. 50, Auburn, IN 46706.

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William Adams

GARRETT — William E. "Bill" Adams, 78, of Garrett died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at 2:34 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

Mr. Adams worked as a truck driver and later as a security guard before moving from Bushnell, Fla., to Garrett in 2001.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the Huntington post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born April 23, 1927, in Mooresville to James W. and Lenore (Cummins) Adams. They preceded him in death.

He married Jennie I. (Tincher) Rowe on April 16, 1989, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cheryl Taylor of Langley, Wash., and Pauline Watkins of Huntington; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Karen and Leon Slabaugh of Garrett; a brother, Charles Adams of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, William Wesley Adams.

A graveside memorial service will be Saturday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with the Rev. David Mix of the First Baptist Church, Garrett, officiating.

Graveside military services will be conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church, Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

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November 19 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Clyde James

AUBURN — Clyde J. James, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. James

Mr. James retired from the City of Auburn in 1983 after 37 years as superintendent of the electric and light department.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 3, 1921, in Allen County to George and Leone (Miller) James. They preceded him in death.

He married Jean C. Wittig on Feb. 28, 1947, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. She died July 7, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Cindy James of Fort Wayne, Rick and Vicki James of Auburn and Frederick C. James of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Jerry Durst of Auburn; a brother and two sisters-in-law, Carl and Jo James of Snow Lake and Lorrine James of Auburn; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Josh and Shelly Buckley-Durst, Jacob Durst, Robert Hoffman, Becky and Danny Corpuz, Jeff James, Stephanie James, Matthew and Cindy Fetter and Jessica and Corey Immel; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert James, and a sister, Bonnie Aschleman.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Shalimar Holderly officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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November 20 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Curious mind drove 'idea man'

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — For all his successes as an engineer with Dana Corp., William "Howard" Sink preferred a simple, unpretentious life, according to his wife of 23 years, Doris Sink.

Mr. Sink, 83, died at his unpretentious home on South Indiana Avenue in Auburn Oct. 3, following a long illness.

Known as Dana's "idea man," Mr. Sink was called upon a number of times following his retirement to help Dana with an engineering project. He held more than 20 patents, including Dana's Angle-Spring Clutch, which was widely credited with revitalizing the trucking industry.

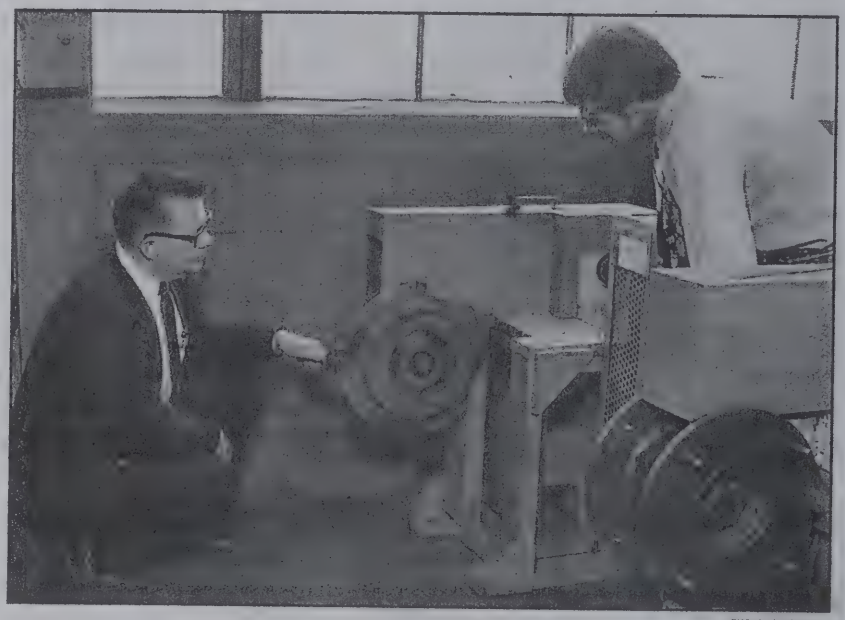
"He was extremely loyal to Dana," his wife said, but Mr. Sink retired well before the usual retirement age. She once asked him what he dreamed of doing in retirement and he said, "What I am doing right now," she recalled.

"He was an engineer at heart, and he was always doodling and drawing." And, she said, he loved to learn, playing close detail to things most people ignored.

"His was a curious mind, a brilliant mind," she said.

He had intentions of restoring a couple of cars he had acquired, but never found the time, she noted. He gave the cars, one an Edsel, to the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States in Auburn.

The Sinks loved to travel, although Mr. Sink "had his fill of flying" while working for Dana. His work often took him to Europe and other parts of the world, and in retirement the couple traveled by train or car.



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Howard Sink, left, and Richard Flotow, plant manager at Dana Corp., conduct a test on the Angle-Spring clutch, one of more than 20 patented designs Mr. Sink created during his 33-year career at Dana. Mr. Sink died Oct. 3 at his home in Auburn.

"He wanted to go on a cruise, but I wouldn't do that," Mrs. Sink admitted, citing an aversion to large bodies of water.

Mr. Sink especially loved his grandchildren, she said.

"He was thrilled silly to have little kids around," Mrs. Sink said, and her husband was more than adored by her large family of siblings. "Howard only had one brother," she said, while she was one of eight children.

Raised as a Presbyterian, Mr. Sink lived next door to the Rev. H. Dean Morris, pastor of the Living Waters Community Church of Garrett. Through their friendship, Mr. Sink would be baptized by submersion and join that church.

Morris said Mr. Sink for a time served as church treasurer, "and I always knew the bills would be paid and the records kept accurate," he said.

Mr. Sink was very fond of music, and had a stereo system in every room of his house. When Morris inherited a large collection of records, Mr. Sink recorded them all on cassette. Mr. Sink's own record collection numbered more than 600, his wife said.

He could listen to music constantly, even while watching television, and the music became even more important when Mr. Sink became ill with Parkinson's Disease.

Over a six-year period leading up to his death, Mr. Sink became unable to draw or write, even though he never stopped trying.

On his wife's birthday, he wrote a personal message in a card that she was unable to read, she said.

"I asked him what it was he was trying to say, and he told me, and I wrote it in the card so I would always have it," she said.

"He was a decent person, very dependable and always considerate," she said, and while it frustrated him that he could no longer write or draw, Mr. Sink never complained.

"He had a lot of dignity," Mrs. Sink said.

Edward Ruger

HAMILTON — Edward A. Ruger, 74, of Hamilton died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Ruger retired in 1993 from his work as a layout inspector at General Dynamics of Lima, Ohio. He served as a Staff Sgt. in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a past commander of American Legion Post 297, Payne, Ohio.

He also was a member of Flat Rock Masonic Lodge, Payne, Ohio; Moose Lodge 813 in Ruskin, Fla.; and Elks Lodge 2672 in South Hillsbourough, Fla.

Mr. Ruger was born March 8, 1931, in Payne to Ward and Anna Marie (Matzen) Ruger. They preceded him in death.

On April 11, 1953, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, he married Margaret Joan Knobeloch. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward C. and Ruth Ruger of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Anna Marie and Jim Friend of Garrett; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Richard Ruger of New Haven, and Dean and Brenda Ruger of Brooklyn, Mich.; a sister, Gladys Williams of Pasadena, Texas; two grandchildren, Amy Renee Ritchie and her husband, Michael, of Middlebury, and Christopher Friend of Garrett.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Kilpatrick, and three brothers, Raymond, Norman and Wayne Ruger.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Harold Evans

WATERLOO — Harold Evans, 78, of Waterloo died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Evans was a retired independent truck driver. He was a World War II Army and Navy veteran.

He was born Nov. 30, 1926, in Selvin to Claud Evans and Gladys Polk.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Rose Evans of Butler; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Patricia Beatty of Butler, Jeanie and Sam DeLong of Butler, Janie and Steve Wade of Waterloo, Carol and Kenneth Evans of Garrett, and Judy and James Gillie of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild; a brother, William Polk of Indiana; a sister, Juanita Harrison of Butler; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Anita Faye Evans and Linda Sue Evans; and a brother, Kermit Call.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Zane Lewis

FREMONT — Zane M. Lewis, 23 months, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, in Fremont.

Zane Lewis

He was born Dec. 19, 2003, in Auburn to Trent E. and Retta (Kirkpatrick) Lewis. They survive.

Also surviving is a sister, Zeta M. Lewis of Fremont.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Garland Bennett

SYRACUSE — Garland E. "Old Buzzard" Bennett, 82, a former resident of Collins and more recently a resident of Syracuse died at 7:50 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at his residence. He had been in declining health for some time, and had been seriously ill for the past year.

Mr. Bennett

Mr. Bennett was retired a heat treat worker for International Harvester in Fort Wayne with more than 30 years of service. He was a member of Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Bennett was born Nov. 27, 1922, in Collins to Justice Perry and Suzanna Lezeth (Bates) Bennett.

On Jan. 30, 1945, in Whitley County he married Marjorie E. Ferguson. The couple spent most of their married lives in Collins until moving to their present home in Syracuse in January to be near their daughter.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; a daughter and son-in-law, Grace and Philliip Sherman of Cromwell; three sons and daughters-in-law, Max and Laura Bennett of Big Lake, Michael and Melissa Bennett of Wolf Lake, and Gary and Debbie Bennett of Peru; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles E. and Vesta Bennett of Columbia City, and James and Shirley Bennett of Fort Wayne; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Lavona Shelly and Rosalie and Robert Steller, all of Mesa, Ariz., and Phyllis J. Beck of Garrett; and 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. George Cecil, pastor of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, will officiate.

Interment will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be, Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Burlin 'Jimmy' Weaver

EDGERTON, Ohio — Burlin L. "Jimmy" Weaver, 67, of Edgerton and formerly of Garrett and Butler died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at the VA Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

He was a longtime employee of Auburn Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1998.

Services are pending at Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton.

Ellen Ringenberg

MARSHALL, Mich. — Ellen M. Ringenberg, 88, of Marshall and formerly of Leo died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005, at her home.

She was a teacher at Rudisill and Ward schools and Bethlehem Lutheran School, all in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn on Sept. 6, 1917, she graduated as valedictorian from Kendallville High School in 1935 and graduated cum laude from Indiana University in 1939.

She was a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne and Sons of Norway.

Surviving are her husband, Edward C. Ringenberg of Marshall; a daughter and son-in-law, Lenore S. and John Lams of Viola, Wis.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Joe A. and Diane Ringenberg of Marshall, Mark A. and Martha Ringenberg of Spencerville and James E. and Charla Ringenberg of Ft. Collins., Colo.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne or Zion Lutheran Church, 135 W. Green St., Marshall, MI 49068.

Carolyn Mapes

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Joan (Sleeper) Mapes, 68, of Kendallville died at 10:36 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mapes

She was born on Oct. 13, 1937, in Noble County to Fred and Josephine (Likes) Sleeper. On Aug. 26, 1956, in Kendallville, she married James Arthur Mapes Sr. Rev. Mapes preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 2001.

She was a 1955 graduate of Rome City High School and an active member of the Church of the Nazarene, serving as missionary president, Sunday school teacher, pianist and filling in wherever needed.

Mrs. Mapes was a homemaker and a pastor's wife, serving Nazarene churches in Indiana, Michigan, Florida and Missouri for 35 years. She was a talented seamstress and cake decorator.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, April and Jackie Johnson of Sikeston, Mo., and Pamela and Craig Bottjer of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James A. Jr. and Becky Mapes of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Justin Johnson, Emily Johnson, Nathan Bottjer, Erin Bottjer, Elizabeth Bottjer, Mary Mapes and James Franklin Mapes; two great-granddaughters, Ashley Bottjer and Lilly Bottjer; a brother, Robert E. Sleeper of Ashley; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Berdena Smith and Charolette and Tom Hart, all of Kendallville; six brothers-in-law and nine sisters-in-law, Donald and Martha Mapes, Jerry and Darlene May Frye, Howard and Cheryl Mapes and Jean Frye, all of Kendallville, Marilyn Barrett of Owensville, Richard and Celene Mapes of Oceanside, Calif., Dean and Diane Mapes of Fremont, Marlene Mason of Garrett and Michael and Diane Mapes of Auburn; 29 nieces and nephews; 33 great-nieces and great-nephews; and six great-great-nieces and great-great- nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two granddaughters, Hannah Johnson and Heidi Bottjer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Revs. Oscar Sheets and Earl Rose officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Mike and Steve Chapman, Bob and Mark Hart, Aaron and Duane Likes and Eugene and Alan Terry.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Nazarene World Missions.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.berhalterhutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Burlin Weaver

EDGERTON, Ohio — Burlin L. "Jimmy" Weaver, 67, of Edgerton and formerly of Garrett and Butler died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at the VA Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Weaver was a longtime employee of Borg-Warner and then Auburn Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1998 with more than 30 years of service.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean conflict. He was a member of John D. Smith Post 10 of the American Legion in Edgerton and a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Weaver was active in his communities as a Boy Scout leader in Garrett and as a special deputy with Noble County Sheriff's Department for several years. In recent years, he had become an avid remote-control car racer.

He was born Jan. 8, 1938, in Moatsville, W. Va., to Clyde and Rozilla (Shaffer) Weaver.

He married Lueray Delander in 1959 in Clarksburg, W. Va. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Tina Weaver of Michigan; a daughter, Debbie Roby of Florida; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton, with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith Post 10 of the American Legion.

Calling will be Friday after 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the John D. Smith Post 10 of the American Legion.

Condolences may be sent and an online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Dayton Warrix

AUBURN — Dayton Warrix, 63, of Auburn died Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Warrix

Mr. Warrix worked in the maintenance department at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Garrett. He had served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea.

He was born Sept. 24, 1942, in Hueysville, Ky., to Clyde and Sylvia (Crager) Warrix. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Hueysville.

Also surviving are his wife, Judi (Thomas) Warrix; three sons and their spouses, Kenny and Teri Warrix of Avilla, Greg Warrix and Julie Moore of Kendallville and Jeff Dayton and Donna Warrix of Kendallville; two brothers, John Warrix of Hueysville and Bobbie Warrix of Wayland, Ky.; 10 sisters, Betty Ousley of Branford, Fla., Barbara Schmidt of Tipton, Ohio, Velma Shepherd of Prestonsburg, Ky., Margie Reed of Hippo, Ky., Clydia Heintzelman, Shirley Boyd, Kim Slone and Bonnie Warrix, all of Hueysville and Audrey Whitaker and Kathy Neely, both of Waterloo; eight grandchildren, Dustin Warrix, Jessica Warrix, Adam Warrix, Chad Warrix, Josh Morris, Joey Price, Jeffery Warrix and Danielle Warrix; and a great-grandchild, Angela Price.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Warrix; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Warrix.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Vivian Northouse

ASHLEY — Vivian Opal Northouse, 85, of Ashley died Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Northouse worked as an assembler at No-Sag Springs Co. in Kendallville, retiring in 1980 after 31 years of service. She enjoyed crafts and her grandchildren, and she loved to cook.

She was born April 12, 1920, in DeKalb County to Ralph and Mae (Hanes) Stomm. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Arthur C. Northouse, died Jan. 1, 1981.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary L. and Rita Northouse of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Dixie A. and Hugh Babcock of Hudson; two brothers, Robert Stomm and Larry Stomm, both of Auburn; four grandchildren, Mark Northouse, Brian Babcock, Kim Northouse and Jason Northouse; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Northouse.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will conduct the services. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

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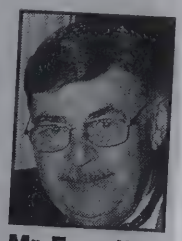
Carl Everett

FREMONT — Carl "Ed" Everett, 62, of Fremont died Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.



Mr. Everett

Mr. Everett was born April 30, 1943, in McFadden, Ark., to Benson and Blanche Allene (McFadden) Everett. He married Linda Lawson on Dec. 27, 1980, in Angola, and she survives.

He was a 30-year employee and vice president of sales at Tyden-Brammall Inc., Angola. He retired in June as co-owner and vice president at SOS, Angola.

He was a 1961 graduate of Angola High School. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member and past commander of Angola American Legion Post No. 31, and member and past commander of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose No. 2387 in Fremont, Fraternal Order of Eagles in Coldwater, Mich., Northeastern Lodge No. 210 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Fremont, and Angola Elks Lodge No. 2398.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kerri and Peter Whitten of Mississippi; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Rhonda Howe of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Douglas Horn of Low Moor, Iowa, and Connie and Jim Reas of Pleasant Lake; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Shawn Everett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Larry Griffith officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of the Fremont and Angola American Legions.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., with Masonic services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Masonic Building Fund, Fremont, or the Ed Everett Memorial Park Bench Fund for Pokagon State Park and McClure Nature Center.

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November 26 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Keith Wortman

AUBURN — Keith D. Wortman, 66, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at 6:20 a.m. at his home.

Service arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn.

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Mr. Wall was man of family, faith

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METZ — For the first time in more than 20 years, this year Janet Butler didn't go shopping on Thanksgiving weekend with her father.

"Dad and I would get up the day after Thanksgiving and do the 5 a.m. shopping," Janet said. "When the stores started opening on Thanksgiving, we'd go then. We'd get up and buy the gifts for everyone's Christmas socks that were on the mantle. Then we'd go to breakfast. That was Dad's and my special thing. We'd go have that time together, and still be home by 10 or 11 o'clock."

Janet's father, Gerald Wall, died Oct. 26 after battling lymphoma for several months. He was 80.

Gerald was born in Metz, and that's where he grew up, went to school, graduated from high school and met his wife of 62 years, Harriet. Janet remembers her father saying Harriet "was the best-looking girl in the class."

Janet said she would like people to remember her father as a man of family and faith.

"He was about God and family," she said. "Family always came first, but God was right in there, too."

Gerald was married to Harriet Farver on July 3, 1943. Harriet said she was proud of the longevity of their union, and that she and her husband thought they knew why so many marriages nowadays end in divorce.

"They don't try," she said. "Our first five years were bad, but that was because he was the baby and his mom caused some problems. But we got through it. We were always together. He never went without me, and I never wanted to go without him."

Janet nodded and smiled.

"They were best friends," she said. "They really raised us kids together."

At the center of the Wall family was religion.

"We always went to church, and we always dressed up, too," Harriet said.

The Wall children were expected to attend services, and there were no excuses.

"If we went out Saturday night, we still had to get up for church," Janet said.

Mr. Wall

Gerald owned and operated Metz Hardware for many years. After that, he worked at the east gate of the Indiana Toll Road until 1984. He was a charter member and the first chief of the Metz Volunteer Fire Department.

"Our parents really taught us responsibility," Janet said. "I can remember working at the hardware store — we'd put nuts and bolts together, and we'd get a penny apiece for them."

That was news to Harriet.

"I didn't!" she said.

Janet said it was important to her father that she "wasn't a helpless female."

"He said if I was going to drive a car, I was going to know how to change a tire, change the sparkplugs and change my oil," she said. "And he taught me how to do all that. Those were the kinds of things Dad instilled in me — he wanted to be sure I was going to be able to take care of myself."

Gerald had been ill for the past nine or 10 years, Janet said. A sore on his heel that was discovered on a trip to Florida turned out to be cancerous, and he underwent radiation and PUVA treatments for that. Then this past May, he was diagnosed with lymphoma.

"The chemo really seemed to help for a while," Harriet said.

But then Gerald's health began to decline. One of the things that affected him the most, Janet said, was the loss of his sight.

"He hadn't been able to see the last six weeks, and he just wanted to see everyone," she said quietly.

In the last weeks, Janet said, her father spent time sitting on the porch.

"The first part of October he couldn't really see or walk, but he had a walker with a seat, so we'd get him out there and he'd swing and listen," she said.

Janet said her father was at peace, and that he knew his time was short. She said he didn't fear death.

"He asked me once to give him enough medicine so that he could go home," she said. "I told him I couldn't do that. So he asked me to start praying that God would take him home. He said he had talked with God in September and that his name and number were in the book, but it wasn't quite his time yet. He kept saying, 'I'm tired and I want to go home.'"

Connie Greenamyer, who coordinates volunteers for the hospice program at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, wrote a tribute to Gerald that was read at his service. Connie and her husband, John, attended church with the Walls, and Gerald and Harriet were also longtime hospice volunteers.

"I don't know which tie you liked best, but you were always a sharp dresser," the tribute said. "From your shoes to your hats you were stylin'; and boy could you ever look dapper leaning on an umbrella."

Gerald had a Bible he had highlighted passages and written notes in, and his family incorporated three of those highlighted passages into his services — services that were attended by many.

"Almost 200 people signed his book, and they all said something nice," Harriet said with a proud smile.

In addition to his role as a church elder, Gerald was also a member of the Metz Christian Church choir (he and Janet often sang duets). Just before his lymphoma diagnosis, he sang an a capella solo.

"He told the congregation he didn't know why, but he needed to sing," Janet said. "That was the last time he did it. The tumor was squeezing off his vocal cords and air pipe."

"Almost 200 people signed his book and they all said something nice."

Harriet Wal

Gerald wanted o be cremated, and one of is final requests was that Janet take a box from wood frm a sycamore tree that was cut from the Walls' yard to put his ashes in. Janet, who Harriet said is an excellent artis, did that, and decorated the box with pictures of angels and roses. Gerald and Hariet's names and birthdates are listed on the back of the box, as is their wedding date and Gerald's date of death.

"It was important to me that I do that for him," Jaet said.

As he grew older, Jaet said, her father cherished his role as a grandfather to his four grandsons and one granddaughter and great-grandfather to his three great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

"He was so proud of his grandkids and great-grandkids," Janet said with a warm smile. "He loved all of them so much. He'd do things for them and take them into his lap whenever he could."

Janet said she will miss the silly things she did with her father, like going into the toy aisles at stores and starting up all the animated toys.

The holidays will be hard without Gerald, but Hrriet, Janet and the rest of the fmily are going to do their best to make them the joyous time they've always been.

"Gerald was always the one who put up the Christmas lights," Harriet said.

Janet nodded.

"But Mom and I are going to put them up tomorrow," she said.

The two women smiled knowingly at each other.

"At least we're going to try," Janet said.

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Shirley Miller

ASHLEY — Shirley A. Miller, 70, of Ashley died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Miller worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 25 years, retiring in 1995. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and its Rosary Society and was a ham radio operator and member of the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club.

She served on the Ashley Town Board from 1970 to 1982 and was the board's president for eight of those years. She also served on Ashley's economic development committee, plan commission and board of zoning appeals. She was a 1953 graduate of Butler High School.

She was born Nov. 2, 1935, in DeKalb County to Jesse and Lola (Hefty) Surface. They preceded her in death.

She married Russell McEntarfer on June 7, 1953, and he died Jan. 27, 1965.

She then married George McKean on April 27, 1967. He died in January 1974.

She married Frank "Pete" Miller on Aug. 23, 1980, and he survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are two sons, Randy McEntarfer of Ashley and Roger McEntarfer of Columbia City; one stepson, Jim McKean of Butler; five stepdaughters, Teresa Hawkins of Auburn, Juli Patterson of Waterloo, Shelly Kaufman of Waterloo, Nancy Gerber of Butler and Georgia Dearmond of Butler; one sister, Rose Gurtner of Fremont; four brothers, Harold, Fred and Jerry Surface, all of Butler, and Steve Surface of Albion; two grandchildren, 14 stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sherry Annett McEntarfer; and two stepsons, Jerry McKean and Brian Miller.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo. Father Dave Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery of Hudson.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ashley Fire Department or the DeKalb Heart Association.

Phyllis Smith

GARRETT — Phyllis V. Smith, 89, of Garrett and formerly of Kendallville and Helmer died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at 4 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Smith had been a Garrett resident for the past five years. She spent the previous five years in Kendallville, after moving there from Lake of The Woods in Helmer. She spent time at Blackman Lake in South Milford prior to that.

Mrs. Smith had worked in retail clothing sales at Landy's Department Store in Garrett, Stern's Women Apparel in Garrett and Schaab's Department Store in Auburn.

She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ and the Alpha Rho Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

She was born Dec. 18, 1915, in Kendallville to Earl A. and Grace M. (Smith) Renkenberger. They preceded her in death.

On Oct. 23, 1935, in Kendallville, she married Lauren J. "L.J." Smith. He died Oct. 18, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas L. and Jane M. (Hosler) Smith of Howe and Jerry D. and Cindy Smith of Auburn; two daughters, Nancy V. (Smith) Lantz of Garrett and Patsy J. Smith of Huntington; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; two sons-in-law, Lawrence C. Lantz of Garrett and Steven L. Davidson of Huntington; two daughters-in-law, Sherry (Hunter) Harriman of Hamilton and Mary Jean (Axtell) Warstler of Auburn; and a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Beverly Renkenberger of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a son, Theodore E. "Ted" Smith; a grandson, Kraig Davidson; and a brother, Thomas Renkenberger.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ, P.O. Box 146, South Milford, IN 46786.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Charles Rupert

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Thomas "Tom" Rupert, 75, of Kendallville died at 5:50 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville shortly after being admitted.

Mr. Rupert had moved to the Kendallville area 30 years ago from Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 27, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Ralph and Ida Irene (Evans) Rupert.

Surviving are a daughter, Rose Hall of Lowell; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Ralph Rupert, Keith and Peggy Rupert and Greg and Deena Rupert, all of Albion, and Paul and Ruth Rupert of Ligonier; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth Waldron and Carolyn Latta, both of Kendallville, and Vivian "Jane" and Elton Fluke of Waterloo; and a grandson, Jason Hall of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Rupert; and a brother, Robert Rupert.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Lake View Cemetery with Pastor Maureen Mauzy of Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to the Diabetic Association.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at www.berhalter-hutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Marie Schwartz

BUTLER — Marie Schwartz, 83, of Butler died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Schwartz

Born in DeKalb County, she was a machine operator at Pittsfield in Hamilton for 17 years, retiring in 1984.

She loved traveling to Mackinaw City, Mich., and camping at Twin Mills Resort in Howe. She enjoyed crafts and playing bingo.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jack and Ruth Schwartz of Butler and Richard Schwartz of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Harlow Meek of Auburn and Linda and Eddie Steinman of Butler; 13 grandchildren, Jack Schwartz Jr. and Jennifer Grobis, both of Auburn, Jason Schwartz of Edon, Ohio, Richard Schwartz Jr. and John Schwartz, both of Auburn, Bruce Schwartz of Fremont, Eric Schwartz of Hamilton, Scott Schwartz of Fremont, Clayton Turner Jr. of Michigan, Sabrina Nichols of Waterloo, Angie Meek of Ashley, Brian Meek of Auburn and Tonya Cochran of Ashley; 26 great-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Schwartz, in 1982; three brothers Ralph, Albert and Forrest Row; three sisters Ellen Dewitt, Effie Peckhart and Della Traster; and a grandson, Duane Meek.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor John Scott officiating. Burial will be in the Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

John Reinsch III

NEW HAVEN — John F. "Jack" Reinsch III, 60, of New Haven died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had retired from Zollner Corp. after 37 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born Aug. 13, 1945, in Gulfport, Miss., to John F. and Jeanie Reinsch Jr. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are his wife, Darlene; a daughter, Shawna K. Dixon of Fort Wayne; grandchildren Cory and Jacob McGlaughn and Elise Dixon; a sister, Susan England of Three Forks, Mont.; two brothers and their wives, Thomas and Marjorie Reinsch of Fremont and James and Linda Reinsch of Garrett; four nieces; and a nephew.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Keith Wortman

AUBURN — Keith Wortman, 66, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Wortman was a graduate of Ohio City Liberty High School. After high school, he worked for Fruehauf Trailers and Union Quarries before attending and graduating from International Business College of Fort Wayne.

After graduation, he worked a brief time for two banks and spent the rest of his working life at the former Essex Wire company, which through buyouts became part of United Technologies. He retired from United Technologies in January 2000 with more than 39 years of service. He also served two years in the Army.

He enjoyed woodworking, attending his grandson's baseball games, going to craft shows, playing golf and traveling with his wife in their motor home.

Mr. Wortman was born Feb. 13, 1939, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Cleo W. and B. Irene (McClure) Wortman. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Van Wert.

On Nov. 15, 1959, in Monticello, he married Gloria Teeter. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Shari and Steve Parrish and Rhonda Wortman; four grandsons, Spencer and Shea Parrish and Daniel and Robert Wortman of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Phyllis Wortman and Denzil and Kaulene Wortman, all of Van Wert; and a sister and brother-in-law, Leila and Tom Brown of Van Wert.

A celebration of Mr. Wortman's life will be Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the La Quinta Inn on Touring Drive in Auburn, with a video of Mr. Wortman's life to be shown at 12:15 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Cancer Society or DeKalb County Home Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Gerwood Nusbaum

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Gerwood G. Nusbaum, 98, of Leo-Cedarville died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Nusbaum was a farmer, cabinet maker and truck driver, retiring in 1987. He also had worked at Peter Eckrich & Sons for 15 years.

He was a member of the First Assembly of God.

Born near Harlan on July 24, 1907, he was the son of Lloyd and Lottie (Yonker) Nusbaum.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Joanne Lederman of Leo-Cedarville and Judy and Bob Adams of Spencerville; a son and daughter-in-law, Max and Pauline Nusbaum of Woodburn; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and a brother, Homer Nusbaum of Spencerville.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Grace, in 1997; six brothers; and one sister.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan, with the Rev. Ron Hawkins officiating. Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday and from noon-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Assembly of God church.

Glenys Podrasky

FORT WAYNE — Glenys M. (Steckley) Podrasky, 85, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at Englewood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Podrasky was a homemaker and had worked at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler and Essex Wire in Auburn.

She was a member of the Auburn Women of the Moose. She formerly attended Calvary Temple in Fort Wayne and Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Butler. She was a 1938 graduate of Waterloo High School.

She was born Feb. 5, 1920, in Auburn to Harry D. and Gladys M. (Barnhart) Crooks. They preceded her in death.

She married Joseph D. Podrasky on March 16, 1963. He died in 1967.

Surviving are three sons, John Steckley of Warsaw, James Steckley of Waterloo and Jack Steckley of Butler; two daughters, Judith Christlieb of Auburn and Janet Foar of Waterloo; a brother, Robert Crooks of Noblesville; a special companion since 1973, James Brown of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Harry Steckley; a sister, Sharon Crooks; two brothers, Don and Deloss Crooks; and a granddaughter, Susan Christlieb.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Edward Hughes officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, Indiana Office, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

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Rev. Robert Sims

AVILLA — The Rev. Robert D. Sims, 61, of Avilla died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at home.

Rev. Sims

The Rev. Sims was born Feb. 21, 1944, in Dodge City, Kan., to Paul and Mary Elizabeth (Thornton) Sims. He married Deborah A. Rosendale on Sept. 24, 1966, and she survives.

He was a metallurgist at General Motors for 28 years in Defiance, Ohio, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the National Impala Association.

He graduated from Christian Training Center in 1976. He was the founder and senior pastor of Calvary Chapel of Defiance from 1976-84; senior pastor at Calvary Chapel of Bryan, Ohio, from 1984-86; senior pastor of Calvary Chapel of Angola (which became New Life Worship Center) from 1986-2003; founder and senior pastor of New Life Family Center of Kennewick, Wash., from 2003-05; and founder and senior pastor of Calvary Chapel of Kendallville in 2005.

Also surviving are his mother, Mary F. Sims of Ottawa, Kan.; a son, Jeffrey Sims of Avilla; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie and Jeff Asher of Auburn and Jill Sims of Hudson; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Marie Sims of Ottawa and Gary and Dealy Sims of Williamsburg, Kan.; and one grandchild, Austin Keck of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother, Richard Sims.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with the Revs. Phil Paino, Melvin Bolden and Willie Bolden officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Memorials are to the family or Calvary Chapel of Kendallville.

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Kalista Brinkerhoff

GARRETT — Kalista M. Brinkerhoff, 85, of Garrett died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, at 7:43 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Service arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Kalista Brinkerhoff

GARRETT — Kalista M. Brinkerhoff, 85, of Garrett, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brinkerhoff was a receptionist at the Brinkerhoff & Brinkerhoff Law Office for 30 years. She was a lifetime Garrett resident.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church for 54 years and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Choir, Order of the Eastern Star and Tri Kappa Sorority. She previously was involved with the DeKalb County chapter of the American Cancer Society.

She was born Jan. 4, 1920, in Garrett to Edward C. and Carmen (Grosh) Bachtal. They preceded her in death.

She married James D. Brinkerhoff April 1, 1945, in Garrett. He died Aug. 6, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Kristine Schultz of Tigard, Ore.; a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Kendra Brinkerhoff of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Kara Faris of Indianapolis, Darrick Brinkerhoff of Auburn and A.J. Schultz of Beaverton, Ore.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty "Bucket" Bachtal.

A memorial service will be Monday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Moss of the Garrett United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett at a later date.

Calling will be Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Church of Christ, Garrett Library Foundation or Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Charles Brown

HAMILTON — Charles J. Brown, 91, of Hamilton died Friday morning, Dec. 2, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Brown was a foreman at the National Magnesium and Aluminum Foundry in Fort Wayne prior to his retirement. He was a member and two-term president of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Aug. 17, 1914, near Hoagland to Owen W. and Lillian Brown. On Aug. 19, 1939, he married Gertrude Ranck in Decatur. His wife of 66 years survives in Hamilton.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, William and Rose Brown of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory of Hamilton. The Rev. Fred Brandon will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Condolences may be sent to www.oberlin-ford.com.

Rick German

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. — Rick Dean German, 48, N.C., died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, in Rocky Mount, N.C.

On April 18, 1957, in Fort Wayne he was born to George German, Daytona, Fla., and Donna (Firks) German, Auburn.

He was a robotics engineer for S.K.I. Logistex Co.

Mr. German graduated from Amphi High School, Tucson, Ariz., and also from I.T.T. Tech in Fort Wayne.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dan German, Mission Viejo, Calif., Randy and Shelli German, New Castle, Texas, Nick and Cheri German, Garrett, and Andy German, Pleasant Lake; a sister, Georgina German, St. Augustine, Fla.; a grandmother, Mary Brandt, Hudson, Wisc.; and eight nieces and nephews.

A grandfather, Donald Firks, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, conducted by Fr. Babasino Fernandes. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the scholarship fund for Mr. German's nieces and nephews in care of Donna German.

Roger Dyer

AUBURN — Roger D. "Dave" Dyer, 58, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2005, at Hudson Industries, Hudson.

On March 6, 1947, in Bloomington, he was born to Homer and Maribelle (Shaw) Dyer. He married Karen Lichty on Sept. 28, 1991, in Antwerp, Ohio. She survives.

He worked at Hudson Industries, and was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bryan and Shannon Carpenter, Indianapolis, and David Dyer, Auburn; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Julie and Scott Pitts, and Renai and Kermit Byler, all of Fort Wayne, Rebecca Hebert, Crystal Lake, Ill., and Lindsay Dyer at home; two brothers, Rick Dyer, Portland, Ore., and Butch Dyer, Charlotte, N.C.; one sister and brother-in-law, Robin and Joe Day, Bedford, Ind., a sister-in-law and her husband, Kim and Rick Kinney, New Haven; seven grandchildren, Amanda, Erica, Chanell, Alex, Austin, Drew and Olivia; and his mother and father-in-law, Marilyn and Andy Lichty, LaGrange.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Pallbearers will be Scott Pitts, Bryan Carpenter, Kermit Byler, David, Rick and Butch Dyer, Joe Day and Rick Kinney.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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December 4 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Tom McKown was the 'best of friends'

BY SUE CARPENTER
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AUBURN — Almost everyone who knew Tom McKown has a story to tell.

Mr. McKown, 62, died Oct. 25 from complications following heart surgery.

"Wasn't he fun!" his wife, Joyce McKown, was heard to say during the visitation at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Hundreds of people stopped by to visit the family that day. Many had Tom McKown stories to share with others while waiting in line more than 90 minutes to comfort his family.

Carol Seiler has known the McKowns for more than 50 years, since they were teenagers at Riverdale High School in St. Joe.

"They were the friends everybody wished they had," Seiler said of Tom and Joyce McKown. "We had a ball together."

She recalls her family taking a trip to Texas with the McKowns years ago.

"We decided to go rattlesnake hunting," she said. Her husband, Ed, and Joyce McKown decided to stay back and watch.

"Tom came back with five snakes wrapped around his neck," she said with a laugh. "We cooked them outside, and tried to eat them — but (the snakes) moved around too much. Tom tried to act big and brave, but only got a few bites down."

The ride home was eventful, as well.

"Tom strapped a huge tumbleweed to the family car — it took up the entire top! He wanted to take it back to the preacher at church, who was from Texas," she said.

All along the way home, McKown's cargo raised eyebrows and questions from fellow travelers.

"He just wanted (the preacher) to feel at home," Seiler said.

Seiler recalled the many activities in which Tom McKown was involved, such as softball, singing in a gospel quartet and horses.

McKown

"But there was always someone in the background. There wouldn't have been a Tom without a Joyce — she took care of things at home so he could go out and do what he wanted to do," she added.

Former neighbor Ed Whittington and his wife, Vi, also took short summer trips with the McKowns. Their quest was to find the cheapest motels in the area to spend the night with their wives.

"We have been known to drive 20 or 30 miles on our elusive searches," Whittington said. "The record find was about 10 years ago. It was a little out-of-the-way motel in Corydon."

The cost per night was $13 per couple, with basic essentials — a bathroom, bed and a ceiling light hanging from a twisted cord with a pull chain for a switch.

"And last, but most important, a table for playing pinochle on," he said.

"On these searches and upon our find when driving up to these high-class motels, I can still hear Tom say, 'Hey, I think we have found it, Ed!'

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Bill Knott and his grandson, Logan, are teamsters of a horsedrawn wagon bearing the remains of Tom McKown to his final resting place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. The Percheron draft horses are two that McKown used to drive. He rode one of the horses, Duke, as a saddle horse. His saddle and hat rode atop his casket with a floral spray. Riding in the back of the wagon are members of the DeKalb County Horsemen's Association.

"Tom was the best of friends and the brother I never had. If I ever needed anything or help with something, Tom was the go-to guy," Whittington said of his neighbor for 26 years.

Whittington said neither he nor his wife heard Tom McKown speak a harsh word to or about anyone.

"He was always willing to help and serve at his own expense," Whittington said. "He was a man with tremendous integrity and actually lived the life Jesus laid out for each of us."

The Whittingtons think of the McKowns as a matched set.

"As a couple, Tom-n-Joyce is pronounced as a single word," Ed Whittington said.

"Joyce, I know you are still hurting terribly today, but if you would have turned around and looked at the couples sitting behind you at Tom's funeral, you would have seen that most of them were sitting a little closer together and maybe even holding hands.

"This is because of Tom and you setting the example that you have set in the years of your marriage for each of us.

"When we all take the path that Tom has just taken to heaven, we will again hear, 'Hey, here comes Tom-n-Joyce,'" he added.

Bill Knott of Garrett met Tom McKown about 10 years ago at the DeKalb County Fair.

"He was watching the big draft horses," Knott recalled. Knott put him to work on his farm working the big horses and logging while McKown was out of work at the former Auburn Foundry.

"Tom even drove the team during parades. We got pretty close for a while. We had a lotta fun," Knott added.

One of the Percheron draft horses, Duke, became Tom's saddle horse. It had never had a saddle on it before, nor had it been ridden. McKown was very proud when he was able to ride Duke, and did a very good job of it, according to Knott.

"Tom was a good prankster — he loved to pull a joke on somebody. He took it good and he put it out real good," Knott said.

Knott called his friend's death, "a heartbreaker. But we just gotta get through it."

The DeKalb County Horsemen's Association held a memorial service for McKown at the funeral home.

"We told funny stories. (Tom) fried me; it was time to get even," Knott said. "It was sort of upbeat — that's how Tom lived. He never complained about anybody. He was a special guy.

"The (McKown) boys told me, 'Dad didn't live this way — he would not have wanted tears,'" Knott said.

The horsemen also wanted to do something special for the funeral, so they organized a procession to carry Tom McKown to the cemetery by horsedrawn wagon.

"The service at the graveyard was well thought out. Everyone was already parked and waiting for us," Knott said. "The horses ... wagon ... the body was the last to come. Everyone was just waiting. It was very emotional. It was unbelievable how many were there.

"He was super guy. I know I'll sure miss him."

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Ford Perkins

HUDSON — Ford M. Perkins, 91, of Hudson died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Perkins worked as a brakeman and conductor on the B & O Railroad and was a lifetime farmer in Fairfield Township.

He was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley and the Garrett Elks and Eagles lodges.

Born Sept. 17, 1914, in Hudson, he was the son of Sam and Mary Alice (McClish) Perkins.

On Dec. 24, 1937, in Garrett, he married Helen Ruth Kline. She died Nov. 3, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Terry Perkins and Fred and Luwana Perkins, all of Hudson; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandy Brown and Trudy and Steve Boyd, all of Hudson; two sisters, Ruth Stackhouse and Rena Hanes, both of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Russell Perkins; and two sisters, Bessie Miller and Inez Perkins.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Jeff Feckler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Opal Mann

WATERLOO — Opal L. (Olinger-Flood) Mann, 86, of Waterloo died Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mann

She graduated from Garrett High School in 1936 and Manchester College in 1938, taking additional schooling at Manchester and Ball State.

She taught at elementary schools in Pleasant Lake, Angola, Spencerville and Butler. After she was widowed, she worked as secretary to the sales manager at Rieke Corp. in Auburn and secretary for the vice president of Brotherhood Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne.

From 1947 to 1949, she was an announcer on WOWO and woman's director of WFTW, where she produced and presented a daily half-hour homemakers' show, a daily five-minute "Women in the News" program, plus a half-hour children's show.

While teaching in Angola, she acted in the Tri-State College drama productions. She attended summer theater for six weeks in Plymouth, Mass., and while working in Fort Wayne, was active in the Fort Wayne Theater Guild.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She held local offices in the United Methodist Women as well as serving six years as district officer, eight years as a conference officer and three years on a regional committee for United Methodist Women.

She served eight years on the board of directors of the Lucille Raines Residence in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. For the past several years, she worked as a visitation volunteer with the local hospice and was a volunteer for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

She was born one mile north of Garrett on Feb. 21, 1919, to Jay and Ruth (Smufr) Olinger.

She married Grover "Bud" Flood on May 28, 1948. He died in 1956.

She married William "Bill" Mann on June 7, 1963, and he died in October 2002.

Surviving are a son, Gary Flood of Angola; a daughter, Sharon (Flood) Kline of Auburn; two stepsons, Robert Mann of Battle Creek, Mich., and David Mann of Butler; a stepdaughter, Suzanne Hubbard of Indianapolis; five grandsons; two granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Robert Scholl of Hillsdale, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Flood; and two sisters, Phyllis Burdett, formerly of Winter Haven, Fla., and Martha Scholl of Hillsdale.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church for an eternal light or the church's mission projects and to the Lucille Raines Residence in Indianapolis.

Richard Parkinson

FORT WAYNE — Richard W. Parkinson, 62, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired in 2004 from the service department of Ben Davis Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac in Auburn.

He loved playing the guitar and piano and fishing.

Surviving are a daughter, Gypsy Parkinson of Chicago; his parents, Monica Parkinson of Auburn and Richard F. Parkinson of Mill Valley, Calif.; and two sisters, Carol Stumpf of Sacramento, Calif., and Kay Freeman of Mill Valley, Calif.

There will be no service or calling.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Serenity House, 2278 C.R. 50, Auburn.

Betty Baker

GARRETT — Betty M. Baker, 67, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Miss Baker was a lifetime Garrett resident. She was born July 14, 1938, in Garrett to Scott and Florence (McKinley) Baker.

Surviving are a brother, Ralph Baker of Garrett; two nephews, Tim Baker and Ralph Baker; two nieces, Abbie Noll and Karen Stanford; eight great-nieces and great-nephews; and two great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a half-brother, Robert Gerner; and an infant sister, Mary Baker.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Bill Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

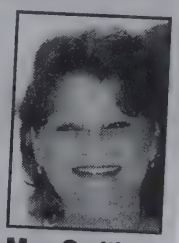
There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Parkinson's disease research.

Condolences many be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Jackie Smith

HAMILTON — Jackie Marie Smith, 50, of Hamilton died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at her home.



Mrs. Smith

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Smith was born June 3, 1955, in Toledo, Ohio, to Everett C. and Leona (Ludwikowski) McCue. On Dec. 20, 1997, she married Leroy Smith near Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kim N. Quidort of Stafford, Va.; two grandsons, Christopher M. and William L. Quidort of Stafford, Va.; her mother; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Danny L. and Donna McCue of Fremont and Patrick M. McCue of Hamilton; and a sister, Lorraine Manera of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her father; and a sister, Cynthia McCue.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory in Hamilton.

Calling will be from 9 a.m. until the time of the service Saturday.

Memorial are to Cameron Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences can be sent online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

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Robert Coburn

ST. JOE — Robert Blane Coburn, 92, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Coburn had retired from Warner Gear. He graduated from St. Joe High School.

He was born July 29, 1913, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Earl and Jessie (Freeburn) Coburn.

He married Ruth Schrader on Sept. 28, 1932, in Waterloo. She died Dec. 31, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Charlotte and Kenneth Wolff of Grabill and Carol Warstler of Arizona; a brother; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Very Reverend James P. Spink, Ph.D., will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Roger 'Kevin' Heupel

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. — Roger "Kevin" Heupel, 70, of New Melle, Mo., died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Chesterfield, Mo.

Mr. Heupel was a former resident of Garrett. He had been a stockbroker and computer broker before retiring in 1999. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Aug. 31, 1935, in Noble County to Fred A. and M. Pauline (Groves) Heupel. They preceded him in death.

He married Shirley Ann Carpenter in Howe on Feb. 28, 1958. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Henry and Dolores Heupel of Libertyville, Ill., and Christopher and Michelle Heupel of St. Charles, Mo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Helen and James Lane of Waterloo, Ill.; and six grandchildren, Katherine, Sarah, Benjamin, Nicholas, Jessica and Samantha Heupel.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Heupel of Garrett.

Services will be Monday at the United Methodist Church of the Shepherd in St. Peters, Mo., with calling before the service. Interment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County, Mo.

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Mr. Everett left family, friends with many memories

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRANO
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FREMONT — Some people go through their entire lives never meeting their soul mate.

But Linda Everett knows for sure she met hers, and she feels blessed that she was lucky enough to marry and spend 25 years with him.

"We were so happy," she said, her big eyes welling with tears as she spoke of her husband, Ed, who died Nov. 21 after a seven-month battle with cancer. "We had a beautiful life. Telling his story is so important — I want it to be as beautiful as he was."

The Everetts made their home on a farm that was owned by Ed's grandfather. The house and its many acres of sprawling land lay nestled off the beaten path just outside of Angola, and Linda said Ed was never happier than when he was riding his tractor over those many acres.

Mr. Everett

"If he were here right now, he'd have taken you on a hayride around the property," she said with a smile.

That tractor that Ed loved so much was purchased with a little bit of money he inherited after his father died.

"He wanted to know if I cared if he took some of that money and bought a tractor, because it was something he really wanted," Linda said with a teary smile. "I told him to do it. He bought a rototiller, a blade and a rake for it, and he just loved to work with that tractor."

Ed also loved music.

"He had a fiddle and a banjo, even though he couldn't play them," Linda said. "He had gotten a set of bagpipes, and he'd had two lessons."

Ed's sister Connie Reas remembered her older brother letting her and their other sister, Phyllis, tag along when he delivered newspapers. When they got older and Ed got his driver's license, she said, he became something of a negotiator.

"He would charge us to go with him or we had to wash and wax his car before we could ride in it," she said.

Linda said some of her fondest memories of Ed are from the days when they were courting.

"He was trying to woo me, so he'd come and get my laundry and take it to the laundromat for me," she said. "He came back from the laundromat once and said, 'We're invited to a wedding this Saturday in the laundromat parking lot.' He told me this couple had met at the laundromat — between machines seven and eight — and that they were getting married at the laundromat on Saturday."

Linda, who describes herself as "such a romantic" — was so enthralled with the story of laundromat love that she relayed it to everyone she knew — only to find out that Ed was putting her on.

Although the couple who met between machine cycles was something Ed made up, he himself once turned the laundromat into a setting for seduction.

"I was doing my laundry once, and he was with me and disappeared," Linda recalled. "I turned around, and he had wine, candles and two glasses set up on one of those folding tables. He was just sweet, so sweet. It was one thing after another with him."

A friend of Ed and Linda's, Deb Rodriguez, said she remembered Ed as a man of great humor.

"Remembering one funny time with (Linda and Ed) is difficult because there are so many," she said. "Ed was always playing practical jokes. Laughter is a main ingredient in a true and wonderful friendship."

After they were married, Linda and Ed loved to go on cruises. One of Ed's favorite spots was the island of St. Lucia.

"We were really blessed to be able to go on four or five cruises," Linda said.

Ed was a 30-year employee and vice president of sales at Tyden-Brammall Inc. in Angola. In January 2000, Ed and two co-workers purchased the assets of SOS division from Tyden-Brammall. He retired this past June.

"We traveled all over because of his job," Linda said.

Doug Zuber, who worked with Ed at SOS, said a lot of people told him over the years what a fine person Ed was.

"Even today, customers still talk about what fun times they had at the conferences and what a great, funny and wonderful guy Ed is," he said. "To many, he was SOS."

Doug said Ed's dedication to his business was what made it a success.

"Ed lived and breathed SOS and knew the business from the inside out," he said. "Ed always did two things — made his business decisions in the best interest of the company and always had fun. He could always put a light twist to any difficult or tense situation."

Ed, 62, and Linda, 60, would have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27. Linda plans on having a get-together for family and friends to celebrate that milestone — because she believes that is what "my Eddie" would have wanted.

After Ed was diagnosed with cancer this past spring, he made the decision that he would fight the disease with all he had. And he did, until it was discovered while he was undergoing surgery in October that his prognosis was much more grim than was initially thought.

"I didn't want them to tell him," she said. "I said, 'if you have one ounce of kindness in you, don't tell him.'"

At first, Linda wanted to have hospice care for Ed so he could die at home. But he was in so much pain and was so ravaged by his disease, which had spread into his brain and was causing him to have episodes where he was delirious and out of control, that she had to make the heart-wrenching decision to place him in a nursing home.

Linda made herself a partner in her husband's care in his last days, spending as much time as she could with him at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

"They were wonderful," she said gratefully.

Ed entered Lakeland on a Saturday and died the following Monday. When he slipped away, Linda was at his side. She said she has been devastated by her loss, but she loved Ed so much that she is glad his pain, which became unbearable toward the end, is over.

"I didn't want him to go, but it was OK because I didn't want him to suffer," she said.

Linda said one of the things she loved most about Ed was that he didn't put on airs — what you saw was what you got.

"My husband was a good ol' boy," she said, quiet tears spilling over again. "He loved his tractor, he loved his Bud Light (so much so that the couple's Schnauzer is named Bud), he loved to socialize and he loved me."

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Ed Everett waves from his tractor as he sets out over his property in rural Angola. Mr. Everett, a well-known Steuben County businessman, succumbed to cancer on Nov. 21.

Hawley Wicker Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Hawley Wicker Sr., 76, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005.

Mr. Wicker

Mr. Wicker was currently employed with Cold Heating in Ashley and was retired from Monsanto in Ligonier.

He was a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mr. Wicker loved his family and church and always thought of others before himself.

He loved to hunt and fish.

He was born June 24, 1929, in Knott County, Ky., to Linville and Liza (Campbell) Wicker. They are deceased. He married Peggy Ann Yates on Jan. 21, 1950, in Kentucky. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald Wicker of Garrett and Jeffery and Stephanie Wicker of Monroe, Mich.; two daughters, Barbara Haynes of Dundee, Mich., and Phyllis Wicker of New Albany; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Arnold and Sandy Wicker of Ohio and Freddy and Faye Wicker, Orville and Sheila Wicker and Ray and Alice Wicker, all of Kentucky; a sister and brother-in-law, Delta and Homer Ratliff of Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Hawley Wicker Jr., on March 11, 1984; two brothers, Carl Wicker and Columbus Wicker; and a sister, Dorothy Hayes.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Community Baptist Church, C.R. 700S, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and after 3 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

June Myers

HAMILTON — June R. (Kepler) Jennings Myers, 86, of Hamilton died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Myers

She was a homemaker and a member of Christian Fellowship and Ministries in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 1, 1919, in Steuben County to Alva and Ida (Dangler) Kepler.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Garry and Sandy Jennings of Cleveland and Robert L. and Deanna Jennings of Leo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann L. and David Prosser of Butler and Janet and Roger Fisher of Leesburg; one sister, Charlene Stephens of Fort Wayne; a very special friend, Donald L. Myers of Hamilton; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Marie Shoudel.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christian Fellowship and Ministries, P.O. Box 11711, Fort Wayne IN 46860-1711.

Lucille Bobay

PLEASANT LAKE — Lucille M. Bobay, 80, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Bobay was born Dec. 20, 1925, in Fort Wayne. She worked for Wayne Pump Co. and retired from Chen's Restaurant after 25 years of service.

She was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Waterloo.

Surviving are her husband, Robert V. Bobay Sr.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert V. Jr. and Sue Bobay of Auburn and Donald and Jill Bobay and Gregory and Julie Bobay, all of Fort Wayne; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Diane and Jim Brown of Fort Wayne, Carolyn and John Jennings of Wolcottville, Barbara Bobay of Pleasant Lake and Debra and Kelly Hoelle of Auburn; four brothers, Charles Wellbaker of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dean Wellbaker and Glenn Wellbaker, both of Fort Wayne, and Dale Wellbaker of Auburn; three sisters, Faye Shears of Fort Wayne, Betty Souder of Leo and Sue Burrell of Venice, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael the Archangel Church. Burial will be in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Michael the Archangel Church.

Brian Workman

FORT WAYNE — Brian Alec Workman, 33, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at Parkview Hospice Center.

Mr. Workman

Mr. Workman was born in Fort Wayne and was an engineer and molding technician with Cooper Standard Automotive.

He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman and a loving father. He loved NASCAR racing.

Surviving are his son, Andrew Michael Workman of Auburn; a daughter, Alecia Dawn Workman of Auburn; a former wife, Shawna Prentice of Auburn; his father and stepmother, William C. Workman Jr. and Debra Workman of Auburn; his mother and stepfather, Anna and Roy Puff of Fort Wayne; a brother, Scott Workman of Fort Wayne; two stepbrothers, Brian Thomas and his wife, Susan, of Leo, and Brady Thomas of Auburn; and his maternal grandparents, Alec and Doris Andrings of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, William C. and Betty A. Workman; and a maternal grandfather, Lee D. Andrea.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling was Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a trust fund for Andrew and Alecia at Wells Fargo Bank.

Meridith May

AUBURN — Meridith Jean May, 82, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. May was a homemaker and a former employee of Auburn Rubber Co.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Country Charm Home Demonstration Club. She was a former league bowler in Auburn and loved to knit, crochet and garden. She was a graduate of Waterloo High School.

She was born Aug. 30, 1923, in Waterloo, to Walter and Mable (Dove) Howard. They preceded her in death.

She married Ed May on Aug. 28, 1941, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Diane and Kenneth Harding of Auburn, Cheryl Shultz of Fort Wayne and Cindy and Larry Bolen of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Renee May; a son-in-law, Barry Shultz; and a sister, Jackie McBride.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Babasino Fernandes and Father Adam Schmidt officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be today from 3-7 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will be conducted at 5 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Masses.

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Steven Studebaker

AUBURN — Steven K. Studebaker, 49, of Auburn died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a forklift operator for Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 10 years. He loved fishing with his son, was an avid NASCAR fan and Colts fan and loved football at all levels.

He was born July 26, 1956, in Auburn to Harold and Maxine (Hires) Studebaker. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Brandon Studebaker; a fiancee, Connie Jones of Auburn; a brother, Mike Studebaker of Spencerville; a nephew, Jeffrey Studebaker; and two nieces, Deborah Irwin and Diane Simpson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Tom Studebaker.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Carol McDavid

GARRETT — Carol J. McDavid, 46, of Garrett died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a factory worker and more recently a homemaker. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Garrett.

On Oct. 10, 1959, in Auburn, she was born to Robert and Jennie (Atterholt) Hammond. They survive in Sun City, Ariz.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jami and Daniel Brown of Kendallville; a son, Michael McDavid of Garrett; a brother, John Hammond of Auburn; and two sisters, Geraldine Woods and Debbie Babb, both of Tempe, Ariz.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Howard Ellert

NEY, Ohio — Howard E. Ellert, 52, of Ney died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at 9:50 p.m. in Ney.

Mr. Ellert was the co-owner of D & H Country Side Services and formerly worked at I.F.S. for 24 years.

He was a member of the Ney Jaycees, the Ney-Washington Township Fire Department and Bryan Eagles Aerie 2233.

He was born Dec. 15, 1952, in Garrett to Herman and Eulalia (Traxler) Ellert. His parents survive in Waterloo.

He married Beverly Miller in 2003, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Tyson Ellert of Bryan, Ohio, and Travis Ellert of Defiance, Ohio; a daughter, Melissa Leland of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Jane Ellert of Fort Wayne, Beverly and Jack Birely of Hamilton, Doris and Norbert Miller of Waterloo, Maxine and Frank Dunn of Waterloo and Janet and Terry Kurtz of Edon, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Penny Ellert of Waterloo; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alex R. Ellert.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, 529 Jefferson Ave., Defiance, Ohio, with Father David Tscherne officiating. Burial will be in Evansport Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arlene Wasson

BUTLER — Arlene Wasson, 89, of Butler died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was born in Elkhart and was a factory worker with the Auburn Rubber Co. and Butler Canning Factory and retired from Ball Brass Foundry.

She graduated from Elkhart High School in 1934.

Surviving are her husband, D.O. Wasson of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Deborah Wasson and Deo and Alice Wasson, all of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Kenneth Meyer of New Port Richie, Fla.; a brother, Robert Eairleywine of Michigan; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, JoAnn Carlisle; a sister, Velma Leist; and a brother, Donald Eairleywine.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center, 1800 E. Seventh St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Hal England

AUBURN — Hal England, 72, of Auburn died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at his home.

Mr. England was a self-employed carpenter. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born July 10, 1933, in Crawford, Ga., to Mary Lois England. She preceded him in death.

He married Gloria J. Thomas on Dec. 28, 1973, in Georgia. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Wade M. Hardy Jr. of Titusville, Fla., Ernie L. Hardy and Alvin L. Hardy, both of Cocoa, Fla., Michael A. Hardy of Port St. John, Fla., and Hal E. England of Rockledge, Fla.; six daughters, Kimberly K. Mayhorn of Claremont, N.C., Tonia J. Walters of Auburn, Kelly C. Moscato of Ocala, Fla., Tabatha J. Grant of Cocoa, Kristie R. Conrad of Auburn and Denise D. England of Fort Wayne; 28 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Military funeral rites will be conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion Saturday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Naomi Marr

FORT WAYNE — Naomi M. Marr, 85, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Marr was a homemaker and a member of The Chapel, Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 23, 1920, in Garrett.

Surviving are her husband, Darrell Marr; two daughters, Janis L. Walker and her husband, Tom, of Fort Wayne and Mary Beth Marr and Mark Thompson of Charlotte, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Jill Marr of Churubusco; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, with Rick Hawks officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Chapel.

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December 17 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Neva Lawson

BUTLER — Neva Noessa Lawson, 97, of Butler, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Lawson was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 18, 1908, in Dobins, Md., to Archabold S. and Alice L. (Liller) Lahman.

She married Henry V. Lawson on July 3, 1929, in Indianapolis. He died in 1975.

Surviving are a son, Marvin K. Lawson of Roanoke, Va.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sonya F. and Vern Wainscott of Angola, Jean and Ed Faulkner of Waterloo and Rhoda and Jim Cole of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a stepdaughter, Virginia Jones of Spencer; a son-in-law, David Roark of Angola; two sisters, Ada Harman of West Virginia and Pauline Fraizer of Huma, La.; 21 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, William Lawson, a daughter, Naomi Roark, a stepson, two stepdaughters, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Association of Fort Wayne.

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December 18 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Town leader gave her all to Ashley

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ASHLEY — Randy McEntarfer remembers his mother, Shirley Miller, as a woman of fortitude.

She devoted much of her adult life to serving the Ashley community, despite the loss of two husbands, and, in later years, her own serious health problems, he noted.

Mrs. Miller died Nov. 26, 2005. She was 70.

Mrs. Miller served on the Ashley Town Board from 1970 to 1982 and was the board's president for eight of those years. She also served on Ashley's plan commission and board of zoning appeals. At the time of her death, she was a member of Ashley's economic development committee, serving as its secretary.

"Community involvement was a top issue for her," her son said.

Mrs. Miller's first husband, Russell McEntarfer, died in 1965.

"We lost my father when I was 11 and my brother was 8," Randy McEntarfer recalled. "Mom remarried later, and my stepdad ended up having cancer. Yet she still kept involved with the community. She wanted to make sure that things were done for the best of all citizens. Social status didn't matter. Everyone was treated equal."

Mrs. Miller's second husband, George McKean, died in 1974. She married Frank "Pete" Miller in 1980 and he survives in Ashley.

During her tenure on the town council, Mrs. Miller worked on the project to install Ashley's "smiley" water tower. She also helped to bring many of the town's major industries to Ashley, McEntarfer said.

In later years, Mrs. Miller battled emphysema and heart problems, but did not let that get in the way of staying in touch with community issues after her departure from the council. She was a regular, and oftentimes lone, audience member at town council meetings until her struggle with emphysema became too great, McEntarfer said.

His mother's devotion to public service inspired McEntarfer to follow in her footsteps. He is serving his fourth term on the Ashley Town Council and serves as its president. His wife, Karen McEntarfer, is serving her sixth term as Ashley's clerk-treasurer.

"I think her fortitude and seeing what she did and knowing what she accomplished got me wanting to get involved. ... and Karen, too," Randy McEntarfer said.

Don Farrington served on the Ashley Town Council for five years during the time that Mrs. Miller was president. Farrington is Ashley's town superintendent.

"She was an extremely dedicated individual for the town and really cared what happens and what goes on with the town and was always concerned about moving positively in the right direction," Farrington said. "She was willing to go the extra mile and was never selfish with her time."

Farrington also served on the Ashley Fire Department and remembers Mrs. Miller's strong support of the department and other town agencies. He noted Mrs. Miller was on the council when Ashley created its first full-time law enforcement position. John Rowe served as Ashley's first full-time marshal and now is a detective for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department.

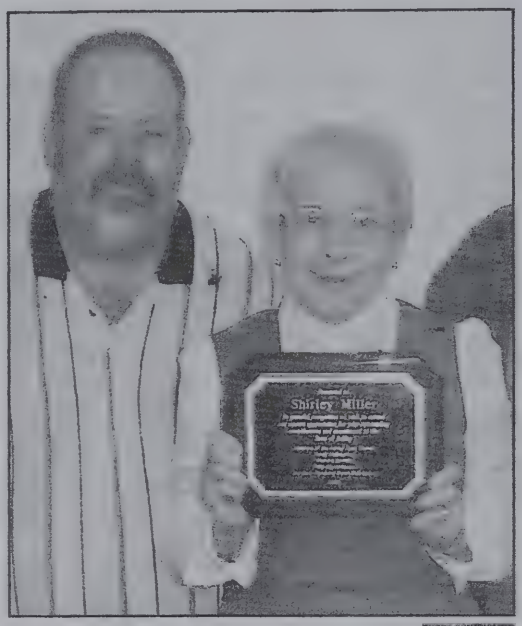
Farrington and Mrs. Miller were among a group of Ashley residents who were invited to participate in the centennial celebrations of Ashley, Mich. Farrington and his wife also enjoyed other recreational trips with Mrs. Miller.

"She was really pleasant to be with and around," Farrington said.

Doug Hoffman remembers how Mrs. Miller supported him and his department when he was Ashley Town Marshal.

"She'd back you 100 percent," Hoffman said. "She was all for the town. Everything that she could do for the town, she did."

The Town of Ashley will pay tribute to Mrs. Miller by planting a tree and installing a plaque in the park in her honor.



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Shirley Miller shows an award she received from the Ashley Town Council in December 2002. With her is her son, Randy McEntarfer.

While Mrs. Miller shared her devotion to the Ashley community with her son, Randy McEntarfer, she shared her interest in amateur radio operation with her other son, Roger McEntarfer of Columbia City.

Roger McEntarfer recalled how, about 13 years ago, his mother studied for amateur radio tests.

"At that time, you had to take two tests. One had 35 questions. The other had 50 questions. She took both in one day and aced both!" he said.

Roger McEntarfer said it was unusual for a woman of his mother's age to jump into the hobby of amateur radio.

Mrs. Miller became a member of the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club and was both an active participant and financial supporter, Roger McEntarfer said.

He said Mrs. Miller would help with weather spotting and "keep her eyes on the skies of Ashley." She also enjoyed participating in the club's annual field day event each June.

Pat Alleshouse was a close neighbor of Mrs. Miller and served as Ashley's postmaster.

"She was very helpful to everyone. I admire her very much for what she did for the town. She was a good leader. She was just a good person," Alleshouse said. "She got along with most everyone. The community will miss her."

While many will remember Mrs. Miller as a public servant, Randy and Roger McEntarfer agree they will treasure her role as a mother the most.

"She was a strong lady. In the times that we didn't have a dad around, she took care of both ends. She led us in the right direction and made sure me and my brother were both on a straight and narrow path," Randy McEntarfer said.

"She was good with people," Roger McEntarfer added. "She would help anybody."

Donald Young

AUBURN — Donald D. Young, 72, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Young moved from Kendallville to Auburn in 1992.

He worked at International Harvester and Navistar for 12 years, then worked 12 years at Dana Corp. in Syracuse for 12 years before retiring in 1995.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict, a 50-year member of American Legion Post 240 of Avilla, a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Syracuse and a member of Avilla Masonic Lodge 460 and the Eagles of Kendallville.

He was born June 17, 1933, in Albion to Herman E. and Viola M. (Knafel) Young. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Kendallville.

He married Helen L. (Madden) Zartman on Feb. 14, 1995, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert J. and Maxine Young and Curt E. and Kim Young, all of Hudson; three stepsons, Randy Madden of Garrett, Homer A. Zartman and his wife, Melenna, of Lake City, Fla., and Eugene H. Zartman and his companion, Jessica, of Lake City, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vickie L. Gamble of Columbia City, Bonita J. and Tom Betthauser of Castle Rock, Colo., and Cathy A. and Bruce Ehret of Avilla; six stepdaughters, Cindy L. Miller, Thelma G. Kahn and Peggy A. Friend, all of Antwerp, Ohio, Wanda S. Eccard of Hicksville, Ohio, Janet Kay Hall of Butler and Mary Jane McCalla of Tacoma, Wash.; a brother and sister-in-law, Ricky and Linda Young of Wolf Lake; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lindol and Bob Able of Avilla and Brenda and Delbert Manns of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren, 17 stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Gilbert Zartman, and a sister, Janice Miller.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Chaplain Paul Marki will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with military rites by American Legion Post 240 of Avilla.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Fred Maxwell

AUBURN — Fred L. Maxwell, 68, of Auburn, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Maxwell was a self-employed tax practitioner. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1965. He belonged to St. Michael Catholic Church of rural Waterloo and was a lifetime member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Sept. 30, 1937, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Romay and Esther (Smith) Maxwell. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Julia Shoudel on April 23, 1966, at St. Michael Catholic Church. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael, Robert and Charles Maxwell.

A sister, Nancy Maxwell, preceded him in death.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Virginia Burke

INDIANAPOLIS — Virginia C. Burke, 86, of Indianapolis died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at Friendship Health Care Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Burke lived in Kendallville from 1957 to 1991 and in Auburn from 1991 to 2001, before moving to Indianapolis.

She worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier for nine years, then for Kimball Laundry in Kendallville for 10 years.

She was born Jan. 13, 1919, in Floyd County, Ky., to George D. and Mary K. (Fyfe) Hobson. They preceded her in death.

She married Enoch Burke on May 21, 1955, in West Liberty, Ky. He died Nov. 15, 1996.

Surviving are three sons, Ray Osborne of Indianapolis, Bill Osborne of Louisville, Ky., and Robert Osborne of Indianapolis; nine daughters, Anna S. Daniels of Milford, Shirly Kryzanski, Wella Mae Hooker, Reba Howard and Patty Coley, all of Indianapolis, Debra Lynn Carter of Monticello, Ky., Mary West of Prestonburg, Ky., Barbara Cox of Garrett, Ky., and Sandra Mardini of Noblesville; one brother and three sisters; 38 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Jim Robbins will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Robert Kramer

FORT WAYNE — Robert G. Kramer, 74, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at Parkview Hospital.

He worked at Old Fort Supply Co., and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Patricia Kramer; two daughters, Cindi Kramer of Fort Wayne and Mindi Kramer of Spencerville; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Barb Kramer of Lexington, Ky.; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Peter's Catholic Church, 518 E. Dewald St., with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m., and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Catholic Church or the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Edwin Brown

AUBURN — Edwin W. Brown, 78, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Brown worked as an assembler at Dana Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1984 after 40 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and belonged to American Legion Post 97 in Auburn. He was a member and past governor of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 566 and a past member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Feb. 8, 1927, in DeKalb County to Elsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown. They preceded him in death.

He married June Mulholland on July 14, 1951. She died Feb. 10, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Robert L. Brown and Kenneth W. "Zeke" Brown, both of Auburn; one brother, Richard Brown of Butler; four sisters, Luella Aschleman and Geraldine Clark, both of Auburn, and Norma Dickison and Sue Bock, both of Garrett; two grandchildren, Derrick Brown and his wife, Lynn, and Brooke Brown; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Clyde, Clarence and Howard Brown.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

The Rev. Donald Shankster will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Moose service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn.

George Heckman

AUBURN — George Heckman, 75, of Auburn died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Heckman

Mr. Heckman was born in Camden, N.J., to George W. and Caroline (Eggbert) Heckman. He was a plant engineer with Eagle Picher for 13 years and was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1959. He enjoyed collecting elephants.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Deborah Ormsby of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Timothy Shultz and his wife, Carolyn, of Portland, Ind., and Michael Shultz of Fort Wayne; a brother, David Heckman of New Jersey; a niece and nephew, David and Donna Del Rossi of New Jersey; two stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Heckman.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Memorial Hospital building fund.

Fred Maxwell

AUBURN — Fred C. Maxwell, 68, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, in his home on C.R. 35.

Mr. Maxwell was self-employed as a tax practitioner. He also was an auctioneer and real estate salesman. He graduated from Reppert School of Auctioneering.

He served two tours of duty in the U.S. Navy, from 1956-1960 and 1962-1965, and was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Maxwell was born Sept. 30, 1937, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Romay and Esther (Smith) Maxwell. They preceded him in death.

On April 23, 1966, at St. Michael Catholic Church, he married Julie (Shoudel) Maxwell. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael of Auburn, Robert and his fianceé, Brenda Boger, of Auburn, and Charles of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Maxwell.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Catholic Church, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, where the American Legion post of Auburn will conduct a military graveside service.

Calling also will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 3:45 p.m., and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

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Margaret Womack

AUBURN — Margaret Womack, 94, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Franklin County, Ohio, to Earl and Hanna (Gribbe) Baily. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Walter and Margaret Womack of Antwerp, Ohio; Robert Womack Sr., and Norma Womack of Auburn, Kenneth and Susie Womack of Lanexa, Va., and Russell Womack of Garrett; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Earl Gradeless

BUTLER — Earl G. Gradeless, 90, of Butler, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at 12:30 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gradeless was a brakeman on the B&O Railroad, retiring Jan. 1, 1975. He had been a Butler resident for the past 33 years. He was a member of the Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

He was born July 2, 1915, in Whitley County to Elmer and Emily R. (McKinney) Gradeless. They preceded him in death.

He married Belva A. Chorpenning in 1967 in Garrett, She died Nov. 5, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Guinn of Auburn; a son, Steven Gradeless of Auburn; four stepsons, Charles Carnahan of St. Joe, Joe Rugman of Auburn, Ralph Rugman of Waterloo and Bruce Rugman of Auburn; four stepdaughters, Nancy Moore of Newville, Sharron Plummer of Auburn, Martha Geyer of Spencerville and Dawn Bartels of Garrett; four sisters, Margaret Thomas, Lucille Leffel, Thelma Snyder and Lois Webb, all of Indianapolis; six grandchildren, 16 stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren, 27 stepgreat-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Gradeless, and four brothers.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with revised information.*

Fred Maxwell

AUBURN — Fred L. Maxwell, 68, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, in his home on C.R. 35.

Mr. Maxwell was self-employed as a tax practitioner. He also was an auctioneer and real estate salesman. He graduated from Reppert School of Auctioneering.

He served two tours of duty in the U.S. Navy, from 1956-1960 and 1962-1965, and was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Maxwell was born Sept. 30, 1937, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Romay and Esther (Smith) Maxwell. They preceded him in death.

On April 23, 1966, at St. Michael Catholic Church, he married Julie (Shoudel) Maxwell. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael of Auburn, Robert and his fianceé, Brenda Boger, of Auburn, and Charles of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Maxwell.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Catholic Church, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, where the American Legion post of Auburn will conduct a military graveside service.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 3:45 p.m., and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Lawrence Kresse

LAGRANGE — Lawrence A. "Skip" Kresse, 83, of LaGrange died at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was a retired farmer and had owned at lawnmower repair shop and was a contractor.

Mr. Kresse had spent all of his life in Noble and LaGrange counties.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born March 4, 1922, in Noble County to Merwin and Tillie (Blaisdale) Kresse. He married Anna Mae Tarlton on Jan. 7, 1943, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Larry and Connie Kresse and Dick and Helen Kresse, all of LaGrange, Don and Sandy Kresse of Sturgis, Mich., and Jerry Kresse of Orland; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ontario Cemetery at Howe with the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneral-home.com.

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Marilyn Kelly-Santizo

KENDALLVILLE — Marilyn J. Kelly-Santizo, 79, of Palm Harbor, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, in Palm Harbor.

She was born Oct. 12, 1926, in Kendallville to Edward F. and Zelma (Harding) Kelly.

She was a 1948 Kendallville High School graduate and a 1949 graduate of Ball State Nurses College.

She was a registered nurse at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville, DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn and St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, and retired from Hudson-Bayonet Point Hospital in Hudson, Fla., in 1992.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Ball State Alumni Association and her passions in retirement were golf, gardening and playing Bridge.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bruce E. and Diana Santizo of Fort Wayne, and Jeffery L. Santizo of Missouri.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Lake View Cemetery Chapel, Kendallville, with the Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

George Peters

GARRETT — George Junior Peters, 70, of Garrett, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at his home.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Peters was a laborer for Magnavox Corp. for 20 years, retiring in 1991,

He was a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett. He served as a private in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War from 1952 to 1955 and was a reserve police officer in Garrett.

Surviving are a son, Milton Peters of Columbia City; two daughters, Ann Wagner of Bristol and Althea McCintosh of War, W. Va., two brothers, John Peters of Auburn and Harry Peters of Garrett; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy A. Peters, in 1994, and by his parents and two sisters, Mary Custer and Hazel Martin.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Roberta Ebert

CHURUBUSCO — Roberta J. "Bert" Ebert, 78, of Churubusco and formerly of Green Township in Noble County died unexpectedly at 7:17 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at her home.

Mrs. Ebert had lived in Green Township for 48 years before moving to Churubusco earlier this year.

She was a 1945 graduate of New Haven High School and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 Ladies Auxiliary in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 24, 1927, in Allen County to Forest and Marvel (Leonard) Liggett. She married Kenneth C. Ebert on May 26, 1950. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ronnie Ebert of Churubusco; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Steven Smith of Tucson, Ariz., and Terri and Kenneth Sperone of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Everett and Pat Liggett of Churubusco, George and Pat Liggett of Fort Wayne and Charles and Sara Liggett of Eden, Ohio; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Wallace Castle of Coldwater, Mich., Alice and William Mabry of Olympia, Wash., Pat Hoopengardner of Fort Wayne and Barbara Koskie of Garrett; and four grandchildren, Jeffrey Ebert of Fort Wayne, Alison Horst of Eagle River, Alaska, Patrick Horst of Tucson and Nicholas Sperone of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Dominic Sperone; two brothers, Emmett Liggett and Kenneth Liggett; and a sister, Eleanor Bellis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Timothy Grable of Sugar Grove Church of God officiating. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Fort Wayne.

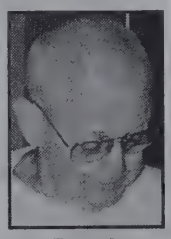
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jeff Hill Benefit or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

John Rench

AUBURN — John D. Rench, 77, of Auburn died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Rench

Born in Findlay, Ohio, Mr. Rench was a manager of cost design engineering for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for 40 years, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Mary O. Rench of Auburn; a son, David E. Rench of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jill A. Byer of Fishers; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ester Rench.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Knoll Crest Gardens at Findlay, Ohio.

There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

Robert Hollabaugh

AUBURN — Robert C. Hollabaugh, 87, of Auburn died Wednesday morning, Dec. 21, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Hollabaugh had retired after 30 years with Dana Corp. of Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 409 in Leo.

He was born Jan. 9, 1918, in Spencerville to the late Frank and Nora (Carbaugh) Hollabaugh.

He married Alice K. Wallace on Nov. 22, 1951, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul E. and Vickie Hollabaugh of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Linda S. Decker of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Zachary Decker, Adrianna Hollabaugh and Blaire E. Lewis.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert and Bernard, and one sister, Elizabeth Hollabaugh.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Carnahan Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. Pastor Steve Evans will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville with military graveside services.

Calling will be at the funeral home today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Society of America, Indiana Chapter, 921 E. 86th St., Suite 205, Indianapolis, IN 46240, or the American Heart Association Memorials, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, Ill 60674.

Bessie Baird

ASHLEY — Bessie J. Baird, 85, of Ashley died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005.

Mrs. Baird was born in Sturgis, Mich., on March 22, 1920, to Maurice and Fanny (Hudson) Blanchard. She was retired from Charleston Metal in Waterloo. She had lived in Ashley since 1953. She was a member of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Surviving are two daughters, Margaret Parsell of Waterloo and Carol Ann Cronkhite of Bronson, Mich.; a son, Merlin O. Baird of Storey Lake; two brothers, Jack Baldwin and Jean Baldwin, both of Sturgis; nine grandchildren, Matthew Parsell, Brian Parsell, Diana Willibey, Kimberly Atkinson, Kerri Dowell, Kevin Atkins, Alisa Allen, Tammy Malecha and Ryan Baird; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael D. Baird, in 1948; and three brothers, William, John and Dick Baldwin.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and at the church one hour before services.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Condolences can be left online at www.johnsonfh.net.

Maida Parshall

LEESBURG, Fla. — Maida M. Parshall died Oct. 18, 2005, in Leesburg, Fla.

She was a longtime resident of Butler, where she was active in the community. She taught at Butler Elementary School from 1966 to 1969 and at Eastside High School from 1969 until 1975.

She was born in Holmes County, Fla., and was a graduate of Huntingdon College in Alabama and earned a master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph W. Parshall.

Surviving are her children, Craig W. Parshall of Atlanta, Gay L. Childs of Atlanta and Scott E. Parshall of Austin, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Betsy N. Watson; and a grandson, Brian M. Parshall of Austin, Texas.

Wayne Rice

WATERLOO — Wayne L. Rice, 43, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Rice was a semi driver and worked for Sycamore Specialized Carriers in Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Nov. 14, 1962, in Akron, Ohio, to Duane and Cathy (Rakestraw) Rice. They survive in Chesapeake, W. Va.

Suriving are his wife, Cathy (McGraw) Rice; a son, Colt Rice, at home; two daughers, Emily Rice and Athena Rice, both at home; two stepsons, Mathew Kumfer and Vincent Kumfer, both at home; and two brothers, Shawn Rice of Decatur and Greg Rice of St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Private services will be held at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the family in care of Cathy Rice, 160 Lockhart St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

Phillip 'Johnny' Chase Jr.

AUBURN — Phillip J. "Johnny" Chase Jr., 15, of Auburn died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Chase

He was in the 10th grade and was a member of the 4-H Shooting Sports Club and the Grabill Missionary Church. He participated in Bible Quizzing and short-term mission trips.

He was born Dec. 24, 1989, in Auburn to Dr. Phillip John Chase Sr. and Laura J. (Carter) Chase. His parents survive.

Also surviving are three brothers, Taylor J. Chase, a student at Taylor University, and Colson G. and Carter Chase, both at home; six sisters, Corrie M. Chase, a student at Taylor University, and Paula J., Martha E., Maria C., Bethany L. and Susannah L. Chase, all at home; his grandparents, Dr. William D. and Wilda E. Carter of South Bend and Rhoda M. Chase of Guadalajara, Mexico.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Harold A. Chase.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Grabill Missionary Church with the Rev. William Lepley officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Connections for Christ, 401 Violet St., Mission, TX 78574.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Steven Patton

WATERLOO — Steven Patton, 48, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Patton worked for eight months in the tool crib for the Bollhoff & Rivnut Co. in Kendallville. Before that he was a dispatcher for the Auburn, Garrett and Fort Wayne police departments. He was a former employee of DeKalb EMS.

He was born Oct. 17, 1956, in Steuben County to Buford and Patsy (Gibson) Patton. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Michele Patton of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Margie Stockert of Butler and Naden Davis of Waterloo; five brothers, Buford Patton Jr. of Butler, Noah Patton of Corunna, Lewis Patton of Waterloo, Johnny Patton of Auburn and John Patton of Butler; and four grandchildren, Nicole Hartman, Shay Hartman, Zachary Watson and Alexia Goldwood.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mindy Foster; and a brother, Forest Bolen.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Quint Zimmerman will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Naden Davis, 2621 C.R. 19, Waterloo.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information.*

Marilyn Kelly-Santizo

KENDALLVILLE — Marilyn J. Kelly-Santizo, 79, of Palm Harbor, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville died Nov. 22, 2005, in Palm Harbor.

She was born Oct. 12, 1926, in Kendallville to Edward F. and Zelma (Harding) Kelly.

She was a 1946 Kendallville High School graduate and a 1949 graduate of Ball State Nurses College.

She was a registered nurse at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville, DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn and St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, and she retired from Hudson-Bayonet Point Hospital in Hudson, Fla., in 1992.

She was a member of the United Methodist church and the Ball State Alumni Association. Her passions in retirement were golf, gardening and playing bridge.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bruce E. and Diana Santizo of Fort Wayne and Jeffery L. Santizo of Missouri.

Services were held this morning in Lake View Cemetery Chapel, Kendallville, with Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Samuel Weimer

KENDALLVILLE — Samuel Ivan Weimer, 85, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Weimer

He was employed with Quick Tanks in Kendallville and was an auto mechanic.

Mr. Weimer was a member of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mr. Weimer was born in Noble County on March 21, 1920, to Gerald Martin and Florence Leone (Rimmell) Weimer. He married Thelma Marie Boehme on Oct. 28, 1967, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are five children and their spouses, Sam and Sandy Weimer of Corunna, Susie and Cody Schneider of Kendallville, Jeannette and Fred Smart of Kendallville, Thomas and Sun Ye Weimer of Rinneyville, Ky., and Carla Hogle of Kendallville; five stepchildren and their spouses, Gloria Brown of Mishawaka, Stacia and Ed Stump of Kimmell, Earl and Pam Brown of Nashville, Tenn., Kenneth and Faith Brown of Auburn and Ben and Judelle Brown of South Milford; three sisters, Louise Carver and Madonna Showalter, both of Kendallville, and Mary Draper of Mississippi; 39 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one stepson, Richard Brown; and two sisters, Lois Lash and Bertha McMillen.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with Pastors Barry St. Clair and Lonzo Baugh officiating. Honorary bearers are all of his grandsons.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Norma Schott

ALBION — Norma J. Schott, 68, of Albion died at 6:54 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, in the emergency room at Elkhart Hospital.

Mrs. Schott had lived in Elkhart the past year after spending 47 years in Albion.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed knitting and crafting.

Mrs. Schott was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was born Dec. 24, 1936, in Michigan to Carl and Lucille (Johnson) Straw. They are deceased.

She married Carl Schott on Jan. 17, 1953, in Garrett. He died Dec. 27, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Leitch of Wolf Lake and Teresa and Mark North of Cassopolis, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Denise Schott of Albion; 17 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Steve Halsey officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Albion.

Calling will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the heart or diabetes foundations

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December 24 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Anna Gayheart

AUBURN — Anna Gayheart, 86, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 23, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Gayheart was born April 12, 1919, in Floyd County, Ky., to John and Mary Alice (Little) Bush. She married Morg Gayheart on June 25, 1935, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 1988.

She lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She was an employee of Olson Bodies in Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Emogene and Jack Arthur of Toledo, Ohio, Christine Sturdivant of Fort Wayne, Geraldine and Barry Loutzenhiser of LaGrange, Linda and Bill Delaney of Roanoke and Barbra Smith of Auburn; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Raymond and Vivian Gayheart and Estil Gayheart, all of Stroh, Bill and Ruby Gayheart and Preskel and Karen Gayheart, all of LaGrange, and Wes and Vera Gayheart of Martinsville; 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Shirleen Gayheart and Irene Hollbrook; a son, Siebert Gayheart; and all her brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 6 p.m.

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December 25 2005 Auburn, Indiana

Jon Miller: Laughter, love and levity

BY AMANDA MILLER
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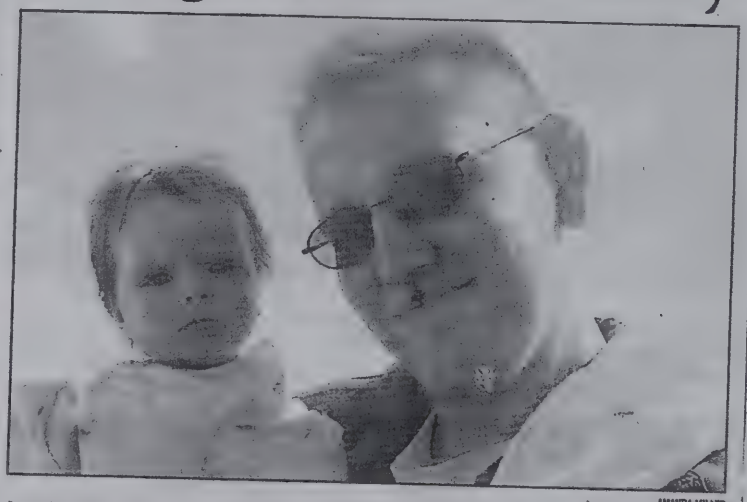
At 33, Jonathan Miller's life was in a good place.

He had been with the love of his life, Amy, for six years, during three of which they were married. He adored and doted on his 5-month-old daughter, Alexandria. He had a large family and countless friends who loved him dearly.

At 33, my big brother, Jon, collapsed while working at Champions Sports Bar in downtown Indianapolis. He died Nov. 13, 2005, of a rare cardiac condition.

Jon was born in Hindman, Ky., to Shelby and Barbara Miller of Kendallville and is the fourth of five children. By the time he was 2, our family had moved to Kendallville, where Jon and I grew up.



AMANDA MILLER

Jonathan Miller holds his daughter, Alexandria, outside a rest area in Tennessee Oct. 26. They were on a family trip to Georgia and Florida. Jon died on Nov. 13, 2005. He was 33.

I followed in his footsteps during childhood. He was a newspaper carrier for The News-Sun (he was named Carrier of the Year in 1984). I also delivered newspapers. He was a trombone player in the school's band and developed a life-long love of music. He especially enjoyed marching band. I played trumpet and share the same love for music.

Upon graduating from East Noble High School in 1990, and before heading off to Purdue, he spent the first of four summers touring the nation and performing with Star of Indiana Drum and Bugle Corps. He was a euphonium player with the corps until 1993 and, in later years, was a member of its alumni association. Star of Indiana won the title of Drum Corps International world champions in 1991.

I first heard the impossibly true news about my brother in the wee hours of Nov. 13. Once the first of many waves of shock ebbed, three words leapt to my mind — laughter, love and levity.

My brother was a great person and a lot of fun to be around. He had an uncanny intellect, warped wit and an irreverent, goofy style. He left a lasting impression on every person he met.

The service held for him was a testament to this. More than 300 people gathered, about 20 of whom stood up and shared their memories. These heartfelt eulogies expressed grief for our loss, but mostly, we laughed. Yes, laughed. Being around Jon always included laughter.

My brother-in-law, Dave Szeles, joked about how, while playing a round of golf, Jon tried to kill him. A lasting impression Jon left with Dave is a knot on his noggin. (Jon really wasn't a good golfer.)

My sister, Teresa Freeman, recalled a night when Alexandria was a few days old and she helped Jon assemble Amy's breast pump. He tested it.

My sister, Becky Szeles, remembered a shopping trip with me, Jon and her three children. Jon insisted we all jam into a photo booth for a picture. The last frame shows him shoving us all out.

He wasn't only a cut-up. Bonnie Ludlow, who was maiden of honor at Jon's and Amy's wedding, remarked on his "many layers."

In 2004, Bonnie, Jon and Amy took a three-week trip through Europe. Bonnie was impressed by how much Jon knew about the historic sites they visited. She was amazed that he was not only "that great guy" to hang out with, but was so much more. She was struck by his capacity for knowledge and love.

As Amy's best friend, Bonnie was part of Jon's marriage proposal plot at Indianapolis' Mini-Marathon in 2002. After completing the 13-mile race, Jon found his way to us — mom, dad, siblings, nieces, nephew and friends. Days prior to the event, he had five T-shirts made for our nieces Annie, C.J., Celia and Emma, and our nephew, Nathan. Each shirt had one word printed on it.

Amy finished the race about an hour after Jon. She was led from the finish line by Bonnie and Becky to a crowd of people with a clearing in the middle. In that clearing was Jon on one knee, ring in hand. Our nieces and nephew stood in line and wore the T-shirts posing the question: "Amy ... Will ... You ... Marry ... Me?"

Teresa made this comment: "Jon felt that, if there was fun to be had, it was better shared. He not only declared his love for Amy, but also gave her a secondary message: 'Please have me as your husband ... but these people come with it.'"

And levity.

Levity is hard to find when faced with a loss like this. A loss like this makes no sense, no sense at all.

However, if Jon were here with our family and his friends through a tragedy such as this, he would find some joke, an embarrassing story, any speck of humor, a kind word or a meaningful concept.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jonathan Miller is seen in his Star of Indiana uniform after a performance in 1992.

He would lift our spirits, as he always did.

Then again, he's still doing that. For me, I hold on to and tell the stories and recall the times. It makes me feel as if he's still with me in some way. My memories, my laughter and my love will always and forever be tied to Jon.

The only sense I can find is that my heart is still full with love for my big brother. He'll be with me as I miss him for the rest of my life.

Steven Wilson

WATERLOO — Steven P. Wilson, 64, of Waterloo died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Wilson worked on the assembly line for International Harvester/Navistar of Springfield, Ohio, for 30 years, retiring Jan. 1, 1992. He attended the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo and was a member of UAW Local 57.

He was born Dec. 1, 1941, in Garrett to Charles and Margurite (Gill) Wilson. They preceded him in death.

He married Ellen Wilson on Sept. 21, 1963, in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Roger L. Wilson of Waterloo and James S. and Lorrie Wilson of North Carolina; and five grandchildren, Tyler, Chelsea, Allison, Bridgette and Abigail Wilson.

He was preceded in death by two infant daughters, Karen and Sharon Wilson, and a sister, Susie Wilson.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association.

Robert Raatz

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. Raatz, 78, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Raatz was born June 11, 1927, in Elkhart to Oscar F. and Ruth W. (Wagner) Raatz.

He retired from Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 166 in 1989. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a a member of American Legion Post No. 47.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy Becher of Spencerville and Linda and Doug Bell of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg Raatz of Fremont and Robert and Linda Raatz of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Emilie and Al Fox of Florida and Ann and Jeff Carter of Fort Wayne; a brother, Paul Raatz of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a friend Anna Peterson of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katie, in 2001.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials are to Worship for Shut-Ins or the Salvation Army.

John Edgar Sr.

AUBURN — John W. Edgar Sr., 83, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1981 after 20 years as a truck driver with Hall's Trucking.

He served 22 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring in 1964. He served on the USS Texas during World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne, the Reserve Fleet Association of the U.S. Navy, Eagles Lodge 2556 of Hicksville, Ohio, the Tri-State Co. Boat Association and Pony Pull.

Surviving are six sons and five daughters-in-law, Gary and Marsha Edgar of Auburn, John Edgar Jr. and Kim Edgar of Butler, Donald and Cheri Edgar and Robert and Lisa Edgar, all of St. Joe; Jeff and Loretta Edgar of Newville and David Edgar of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Tom Cagle and Clara and Jeff Gilbert, all of Bergan, N.C., and Carolyn and Denny Gripple of Hicksville, Ohio; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Wayne and Mary Edgar of Pensacola, Fla., and Kenny Edgar of Wilmington, Del.; a sister, Phyllis Purma of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda M. Twiddy; and three brothers, Jerry, Donald and Robert Edgar.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to give additional information.

David Dodson

ALBION — David T. Dodson, 59, of Albion died Friday, Dec. 23, 2005, at 5:15 p.m. at his home.

Before retiring in August 2002, Mr. Dodson worked for International Truck and Engine as a mechanic, service manager, field service manager and information systems manager for truck reliability and quality.

Mr. Dodson

He was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246, the National Rifle Association, Varmint Hunters Association, National Knife Collectors Association and Colt Knife Collectors Club. He enjoyed old cars, Harleys and hunting.

Mr. Dodson served in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1972 and received an honorable discharge with the rank of staff sergeant.

He was a graduate of DeKalb Tech School, Oglethorpe UN in Atlanta. He had lived in the Albion community since June 1987.

Mr. Dodson was born June 29, 1946, in Atlanta.

He married Renee Shisler Dodson on May 6, 1988, in Cromwell. She survives.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, C.E. and Penny Dodson of Snellville, Ga.; his mother, Anne (Hertz) Dodson of Fayetteville, Ga.; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Christopher Dodson of Fayetteville, Drew and Marie Dodson of Parma, Ohio, and Devin Dodson and Amanda Huffman of Columbia City; two granddaughters, Kayle Dodson and Alana Dodson; a sister, Diane Tennihan of Fayetteville; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Roger and Wendy Shisler of Ballston Spa, N.Y., Rita and Tom Steele of Kimmell, Nancy and Harry Neff III of Topeka, Norma and Gary Watson of Van Buren and Ned and Lisa Shisler, Rex and Kathy Shisler, Nelda and Gilbert Owen and Carol and Tim Lock, all of Albion; his father-in-law, Duane Shisler of Ligonier; 20 nieces and nephews; six great-nieces and great-nephews; and numerous stepnieces and stepnephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Alice A. Shisler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Tom Ebbing will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery of Albion, with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the NRA Foundation, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030; or Albion American Legion Post 246, 410 E. Park Drive, Albion, IN 46701.

Maxine Crowe

LAGRANGE — Maxine L. Crowe, 89, of LaGrange died at 5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Crowe was a homemaker and had taught preschool in Garrett.

She had lived in Garrett and Wolcottville and was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church and the Athena Club in Garrett. She had taught Sunday school and was a former Sunday school superintendent.

Mrs. Crowe was a 1934 graduate of Nappanee High School.

She was born June 2, 1916, in Warsaw to Rex and Hazel (Banghart) Richcreek. She married Kenneth M. Crowe on Aug. 27, 1937, at First Brethren Church in Nappanee. He died April 15, 2004.

Surviving are a son, David Crowe of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and James Chevalier of Central Valley, N.Y.; a sister, Marguerite Umbaugh of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Marilyn Richcreek of Ashland, Ohio; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home in Nappanee with the Rev. Tom Schieffer officiating. Burial will be in Union Center Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice or the Alzheimer's Association.

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John Edgar Sr.

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Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1981 after 20 years as a truck driver with Hall's Trucking.

He served 22 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring in 1964. He served on the USS Texas during World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne, the Reserve Fleet Association of the U.S. Navy, Eagles lodge 2556 of Hicksville, Ohio, the Tri-State Co. Boat Association and Pony Pull.

Surviving are six sons and five daughters-in-law, Gary and Marsha Edgar of Auburn, Donald and Cheri Edgar of St. Joe, John Edgar Jr. and Kim Edgar of Butler, Robert and Lisa Edgar of St. Joe, Jeff and Loretta Edgar of Newville and David Edgar of Fort Wayne; four daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Tom Cagle, Phyllis and Phil Kubick and Clara and Jeff Gilbert, all of Burgaw, N.C., and Carolyn and Denny Gipple of Hicksville, Ohio; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Wayne and Mary Edgar of Pensacola, Fla., and Kenny Edgar of Wilmington, N.C.; a sister, Phyllis Purma of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda M. Twiddy, and three brothers, Jerry, Donald and Robert Edgar.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Donald Inlow

AUBURN — Donald K. Inlow, 75, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Inlow retired in 1995 from Dana Corp., where he had worked 47 years. He also was a farmer.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and UAW Local 164.

He was born Jan. 8, 1930, in St. Joe to Oren Elmer Inlow and Emma (Mann) Inlow.

On Jan. 14, 1952, he maried Jeanette Long in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and a daughter-in-law, Marty and Joni Inlow of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Phil Osbun of Waterloo; three grandchildren, Lindsay Johnston, Kaleb Inlow and Kallie Inlow; five stepgrandchildren and a spouse, Mandy and Travis Kintz, Faye Osbun, David Inlow, Kileigh Snow, and Haley Snow; three brothers, Delta Paul Inlow, Roger Inlow and Loren Inlow; and a sister, Becky Grobis.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter, Lori Inlow; three brothers, Leslie Inlow, Arden Inlow and Harrold Inlow; and five sisters, Mabel Furnish, Irene Inlow, Flossie Hubbard, Alta Anderson and Betty Lee.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Gene Woolever officiating. Burial will be at Alton Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Mary Wilcoxson

AVILLA — Mary E. Wilcoxson, 68, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Wilcoxson was a lifelong Garrett resident and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She worked as nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne and at the Garrett Hospital.

Mrs. Wilcoxson

Born June 2, 1937, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Roman and Laura (Blotkamp) Steigmeyer.

On June 6, 1959, in Garrett, she married Richard D. Wilcoxson. He survives in rural Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter, Linda Swartz of Warren, Ohio; two sons, Tom Wilcoxson of Auburn and Ron Wilcoxson of Denver, Colo.; three sisters, Virginia Manon and Patricia Frymier, both of Auburn, and Sharon Simon of Garrett; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and six brothers.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 Co. Rd. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Charles Swartz officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences can be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Bradford Webb

AUBURN — Bradford R. Webb, 69, of Auburn died Dec. 28, 2005, at his home.

He was born in Auburn to Ross and Ethel (Dunn) Webb on August 23, 1936. For 15 years he was a district manager for the New York-based Warner Lambert Pharmaceutical Corp. He retired in 1986. He was a member of the Bridgewater Country Club.

He married Ann Neuenschwander on June 15, 1954, in Auburn. She survives.

Other survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cynthia and Parker Thomas of Edwards, Colo.; Wendy and Scott Ewing of Destin, Fla., and Lisa Klepper of Kearney, Mo.; and five grandchildren, Annie and Kelly Thomas, Ricki and Michael Klepper and Caden Ewing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kim Webb.

There will be no services and no calling.

Preferred memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society. Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo is in charge of the arrangements.

Wava Hamman

AUBURN — Wava D. Hamman, 82, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Hamman was born in Auburn on July 7, 1923, to Russel and Dorothy M. (Bowman) Daily.

She was a homemaker and had worked for Harvester Co. in Fort Wayne for two years and for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for five years.

Mrs. Hamman

She was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church, the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary, and she played the organ at the Hickory Knoll Church in Franklin, N.C., for two years. In July 1941 she married Wayne L. Hamman in Auburn. He survives.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Sherry Hamman of Auburn; two stepbrothers, Larry Moore of Elkhart and Richard Moore of Phoenix, Ariz.; her stepmother, Freida Daily of Auburn; a sister, Betty Lou Ringle of Franklin, Ind; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Wanda Mitchner Brill.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jensen and the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Mark Gottfried

FORT WAYNE — Mark D. Gottfried, 60, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at his home.

He was a professional chef most of his life, and worked at Bandido's the past eight years.

He was a native of Milwaukee, Wis.

Surviving are two daughters, Joy L. Gottfried and Maggie M. Gottfried, both of Huntington; a son and daughter-in-law, Alfons E. and Amy Gottfried of Huntington; a granddaughter, Kayla Nicole Gottfried; his mother, Margaret A. Gottfried of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Tim Gottfried of Harlan, David Gottfried of Avilla, and Dan Gottfried of Garrett; six sisters, Pattie Lynch of Fort Wayne, KK Schultz of Benicia, Calif., Lisa Johnloz of Fremont, Meg Madden of Yoder, Laura Bandalier of Fort Wayne and Kim Ashby of Savannah, Ga.; his former wife, Lori Gottfried of Huntington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father, Alfons, and a sister, Kriss Legg.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling from 5 to 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the education fund for his granddaughter, Kayla Nicole Gottfried.

Everett Liggett Sr.

CHURUBUSCO — Everett Liggett Sr., 80, of Churubusco died at 12:55 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at his home. He had been in declining health for several months.

Mr. Liggett

He was employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for more than 45 years, retiring from there as a maintenance supervisor in 1989.

Mr. Liggett spent his formative years in LaGrange and Steuben counties. He served with the Merchant Marines during World War II.

He had lived in Allen County for 32 years prior to moving to Churubusco.

Mr. Liggett was a member of the Allen County Fairgrounds Corp. and the American Motorcycle Association. He enjoyed woodworking, motorcycles and attending antique tractor shows.

He was born Sept. 14, 1925, in Allen County to Forest and Marvel (Leonard) Liggett. He married Patricia (Zimmerman) Templeton on July 7, 1967, in Allen County. She survives.

Also surviving are seven children and their spouses, Everett E. "Busty" and Linda Liggett of Auburn, Rick and Dian Templeton of Spencerville and Everett Jr. and Jenny Liggett, Carson and Tamera Templeton, Darlene and Bob Thomas, Debra and Charles "Wayne" Thomas and Pamela and Paul Lich, all of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Pat Liggett of Fort Wayne and Charles and Sara Liggett of Edon, Ohio; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Wallace Castle of Coldwater, Mich., Alice and William Mabry of Olympia, Wash., Pat Hoopengardner of Fort Wayne and Barbara Koskie of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Tamara Liggett; two brothers, his twin Emmett Liggett and Kenneth Liggett; and two sisters, Eleanor Belis and Roberta "Bert" Ebert.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus, officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Scipio Cemetery east of Harlan.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Robert Lee Freeman

GARRETT — Robert Lee Freeman, 80, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Freeman was employed with Finn's News Agency. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran and a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178, Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars and Garrett Eagles 1357.

He was born in Garrett to Jonah L. and Ruth M. (Wilcox) Freeman.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Vonda Freeman of Garrett; a daughter, Lori Freeman of Auburn; a sister, Eula Kell of Huntertown; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two great-grandchildren, Lilly and Taylor Freeman; and a sister, Doris Cramer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial of the ashes will be Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include a photo.*

Makota Norris

ALBION — Makota Z. "Cletus" Norris, 6, of Albion died at 7:04 a.m. Tuesday, Dec 27, 2005, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Makota Norris

He had attended Central Noble Elementary School and was a lifetime area resident.

He was born Sept. 29, 1999, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his father, Mike Norris of Albion; his mother, Laurie (Keister) Bode of Albion; four sisters, Bambi Bode and Lacey Bode, both of Albion, and Vanessa Wickern and Alyss Norris, both of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Kolten Bode of Albion, Mike Slone of Auburn and Cody Norris of Churubusco; maternal grandparents, Vance and Ardith Keister of Albion; paternal grandparents, Clarence "Bob" and Elaine Norris of Rome City and Norma Jean Morr of Albion; aunts and uncles, Kevin and Linda Keister, Steve and Sandra Keister and Mark and Sherry Morr, all of Albion, Jon and Mel Norris of Fort Wayne and Randy Pippenger of Rome City; and a nephew, Kaiden Burkhart.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Doug Keenan of Berean Baptist Church in Albion officiating.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Pallbearers will be Kevin and Steve Keister, Randy Pippenger and Cliff Burkhart. Honorary pallbearers will be Mark Morr, John Norris and Kaiden Burkhart.

Calling will be from noon-2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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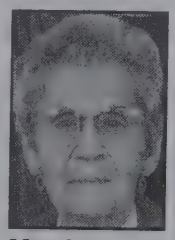
Ruth Lee

AUBURN — Ruth Houser Lee, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at her home after a long illness.

Mrs. Lee was a homemaker and farmer's wife and had worked at Messenger Corp. She was a member of Jerusalem United Methodist Church in rural Butler. She resided in rural Waterloo for 45 years and was well known for her cooking and baking talents.



Mrs. Lee

A DeKalb County native, she was born June 28, 1916, in Garrett to Lloyd E. and Jennie (Kelham) Houser.

She married her husband of 67 years, Robert E. Lee, on March 20, 1938, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jennie Sue Gnagy of Waterloo, Ann Lee of Bradenton, Fla., and Doris Blickenstaff of Auburn; two grandsons and their spouses, Jason and Amy Gnagy of Chicago and Brad and Rhonda Blickenstaff of Auburn; and three great-granddaughters, Kami and Heather Blickenstaff and Ava Gnagy.

Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by six brothers, Robert, Joseph, Wilson, Perry, Carl and James Houser; two sisters, Edith Surfus and Maureen Moss, and a son-in-law, Denny Blickenstaff.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to charities selected by the donors.

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Donald Inlow

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He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and UAW Local 164.

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Preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter, Lori Inlow; three brothers, Leslie Inlow, Arden Inlow and Harrold Inlow; and five sisters, Mabel Furnish, Irene Inlow, Flossie Hubbard, Alta Anderson and Betty Lee.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Gene Woolever officiating. Burial will be at Alton Cemetery at St. Joe.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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